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The path to our destination is not always a straight one. We go down the wrong road, we get lost, we turn back. Maybe it doesn't matter which road we embark on. Maybe what matters is that we embark.

Barbara Hall
Northern Exposure, Rosebud

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life.

Plato

It affords me no satisfaction to commence to spring an arch before I have got a solid foundation.

Henry David Thoreau

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25

Passages from Familiar Quotations compiled by John Bartlett

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The Dining Commons. It's perhaps one of the most populated and least appreciated places on campus. Whether you frequented the salad bar or deli, consumed cereal three times a day or created your own unique concoction for dinner each night, our college appetites would not have been quite as satisfied had it not been for our favorite

Dining Commons memories.

"Because I'm a vegetarian I spent a lot of time at the salad bar. One evening while I was concocting a gourmet salad, Jason Hillier '01 spoke to me for the first time ... two years later we were married."

Kerry (Peifer) Hillier '03, Mishawaka, Ind.

"Prior to the start of a meal all the students stood behind their chairs. A fellow was to seat a girl sitting next to him. At the start of school I could always tell the freshmen girls; they would not bend their knees enough, so I usually bumped them with the chair. It did not take long, however, for these girls to learn graceful sitting."

J. Harvey Brown '43, Holliston, Mass.

"I ate in the basement of the Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin Dormitory. I worked on a drinking glass cleaning machine, but then I found out you could make more money ($ .40) washing pots and pans, so I switched."

David Scudder '68, Bethel, Ohio

"I will always remember grilled peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Since graduating from Taylor I have made them for friends, and they were a hit with them as well."

Stephen Berwager '76, Columbia, S.C.

"Of all the food served, Joe Biermann's famous cheesecake was a favorite. We always hoped there were empty seats at our table so we could eat the extra pieces."

Bonnie (Philpot) Kastelein '64, Eldora, Iowa

"Unaccustomed to three full-course selections at my fingertips every day, I unwittingly gained the 'freshman ten' in short order and resorted to the salad bar to get myself back in shape before Olson 'sun-deck' season!"

Shirley (Hill) Gustafson '79, Palos Heights, Ill.

"A favorite memory from the dining commons was the special Christmas dinner. As one approached the dining commons (a.k.a. space craft) it was so pretty with candlelight glowing through the windows, especially if there was snow on the ground. Inside were beautiful ice carvings and a scrumptious dinner with shrimp cocktail."

Hettie (Hardin) Stauffer '69, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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On July 7, 2005, the cupola was placed in its permanent home on Ayres Alumni Memorial Hall, marking the completion of phase one of the renovation. In addition to being a nice architectural feature, it also provides necessary airflow through the attic. The 800-pound fixture is comprised of plastic, resin and aluminum supports and is a portion of the $1.7 million phase one renovation project.

A warm welcome ...

I can still recall the feeling of panic welling up inside me on the first day of every semester. *There's no way I can complete all of that,* I mused as I glanced over each syllabus.

By the end of the terms, though, I somehow finished the assigned tasks and still managed to catch up on my beauty sleep from time to time.

New beginnings can seem daunting, but they often bring the anticipation of grand things yet to come.

The following represents Taylor's new beginnings—from a new president and students on campus to alumni who are launching into new chapters in their lives. It is our hope that you will be encouraged by their bravery and inspired to instigate a novel commencement of your own.

As Taylor begins a new phase in its leadership, may you be confident that God has called the Habeckers back to Taylor for such a time as this. Join us as we wish them a warm welcome home.

This issue is dedicated to our alumni who invite fresh starts with a warm welcome, for all that the future may hold, despite the preliminary jitters that may come with new beginnings.

Blessings to you~

Serena

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Trees become vibrant displays of color this time of year. Fallen crimson and amber leaves provide hours of raked fun for children. This same beautiful foliage also has the potential to disturb the equilibrium of rain gutters everywhere. Some people love these plummeted leaves; others do not. The same is true for our magazine. Let us know what you think; we'll rake in your opinions.

Film festival

I was wondering if there was a way to get a copy of the films presented at the 6th annual Film Festival? I would love to see the creativity and expertise of the current Taylor students!

Ashlyn Holz '90
St. Peter, Minn.

We would love to distribute the festival films to show off the hard work of our students, but unfortunately, we are unable to at this time. Many of the films include copyrighted music. We are currently investigating the legal issues involved with reproducing these materials; if we gain clearance to use them, we will most assuredly place them online and make them available to the public.

Soup-er houses

I was looking for information on The Soup House in the online magazine and found the article from 1999 by Sara Weinraub. The article was great because it explained exactly how The Soup House struck me when I went to a party there in 1996. That was my first time ever to hear of or try chai! I am at the University of Arkansas now and was recently told about The Arkansas House, which reminds me of The Soup House!

Lindsay Naramore '98
Fayetteville, Ark.

Thanks for the great reminder of our online magazine! Past issues and articles can be found at www.taylor.edu/upland/magazine/.

Flower power

Thank you for a wonderful Spring issue of *Taylor*. As I turned to page six I thought "what a wonderful photo of a dandelion—how nice." But I was taken back by the text. While growing and sprouting new ideas there was the concern about "... pesky weeds that need to be pulled."

As an "equal opportunity botanist" I have always viewed "weeds" differently than most. Are they not part of God's creation as well? After all, so many of our garden plants have "weedy characteristics" that with proper cultivation can be put to good purpose.

One summer I decided to harvest all the dandelions in my garden, dry the roots, roast them, grind them and make a "dandelion coffee." The young, tender leaves can be eaten in a "dandelion salad" (as we do with its next of kin – Lactuca sativa, our garden lettuce, which had its origin as a "weed").

So, I encourage you, as your magazine grows and sprouts new ideas, I hope you will take a different approach to considering those things that appear to be "weeds" and see the value God has imparted to them.

Garrett Crow '65
Durham, N.H.

I sincerely apologize for the "pesky weed" comment. I've always ignorantly labeled and dismissed these little yellow flowers as just that, but you're absolutely right. I never took into account their potential uses or diversity. Thank you for your insight—and for keeping us on our toes as we grow in wisdom about our fascinating world!

A booming impact

In the Spring 2005 issue, "After the rain" made me think of a night in the fall of 1950 when I stood in awe on the porch of the Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin Dormitory watching my first grand display of lightning and thunder. I had newly arrived at Taylor from California as a transfer. All the lightning and thunder I had seen in California was anemic compared with what held my attention that night.

Wayne Woodward '52
Jackson, Miss.

Divine design

I just wanted you to know that your obvious effort in putting out a professionally designed and conceptual magazine is not going unnoticed. I am a graphic designer for an advertising agency in Fort Wayne, Ind. Designers are always trying to push ourselves to do design work that stands out. I can tell that you do the same. This magazine stands out. Keep up the good work. I look forward to the next issue.

Scott Stuckey
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Taylor is such a well-done publication—content rich and aesthetically pleasing. The production is simply first-rate, setting a very high bar for similar institutional publications. Congratulations on a terrific product and staff.

Robert Dvorak '60
Middletown, Conn.

What a beautiful publication! All of the photos were very creative, and we enjoyed the neat stories. Dave and I are always so proud that we leave it on our coffee table. Keep up the great work!

Courtney Perkins '02
Omaha, Neb.

As editor of the University of North Dakota *Alumni Review* magazine, I receive Taylor University's magazine—it is one of my favorites! Thank you!

Amanda Hvidsten
Grand Forks, N.D.

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in the loop

news from Taylor University

A summer of service

Most students look forward to summer for a time empty of schoolwork and full of relaxation. But this summer over 120 Taylor students spent their time off involved in church-related service around the world.

World Christian Fellowship (WCF) compiled the names of participating Taylor individuals into a Summer of Service prayer calendar that was distributed to the Taylor community "so that we can pray during the summer for as many students, faculty and staff as possible," said Mary Rayburn, director of student ministries. "The prayer calendar only lists those who provided the information. We tried to keep their prayer date in line with the dates they are serving, if it's not for the entire summer."

WCF also sponsored a commissioning chapel on May 14, when several students shared testimonies of how God has used them in past summers.

Rayburn explained, "Our purpose for the chapel (and prayer calendar) is to challenge students, faculty and staff to be 'salt and light' wherever they may be this summer—working in an office or factory, being a camp counselor, serving internationally or taking classes."

Responding to a national disaster

In light of the August 29 attack of Hurricane Katrina, Taylor has rallied to offer support.

Despite the thousands who have been effected, Taylor has not been alerted to any fatalities involving alumni. Several have experienced property damage and in some cases have temporarily relocated to other areas.

The Taylor community is responding the best way it knows how—through prayer. A prayer service was held September 5, with over 100 students and staff attending. Additionally, an offering was collected during Chapel on September 9 and the week following, with the money sent to Christian relief organizations.

Individuals are also offering their services. Gary Cason, a Dining Commons worker, was called to active duty through the Indiana National Guard. A staff sergeant, he will assist with relief efforts for an estimated sixty to ninety days.

Brian Getz '06 was on a floor retreat when he heard that evacuees had been brought to a make-shift relief shelter at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. A balloon artist, the Christian education major volunteered his talents to entertain and encourage the refugees there.

Additionally, 15 of Dr. Cathy Harner's senior social work majors interviewed and assisted with medical processing for 48 storm refugees who were relocated to Marion, Ind. Relief trips to the devastated areas are planned for Fall Break.

Back to our roots

This spring Taylor was given a special glimpse into the life of its namesake, Bishop William Taylor, when several items were donated to the University by William E. Price III of Finksburg, Md. The great-great-grandnephew of the Bishop, Price donated a variety of belongings including several African artifacts and baskets, a large knife and a collection of letters written by the Bishop's niece, Jenny Taylor.

The items were presumably sent to William Taylor's brother, Andrew Taylor, Price's great-great-grandfather, sometime during the 12 years Taylor served as Missionary Bishop of Africa.

Price donated the collection after inheriting it from his mother. "I decided it would be better to give it away so it could be viewed and studied instead of just sitting in my living room," he said. Although Price has never been to Taylor, he thinks highly of the University and hopes to visit some day.

The compilation was on display in the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium for several months prior to its move to the University Archives in July.

Moments after receiving her award, Dr. JoAnn Rediger is all smiles. The Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award is presented each year during the Faculty Chapel.

Faculty accolades

Dr. JoAnn Rediger, associate professor of music, received the *2005 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award.* She is best known as the dynamic and charismatic director of the Taylor Sounds and the Taylor University Chorale. Rediger excels in choral rehearsal technique and University public relations work. She has led Taylor choral groups on tours all around the world and is the founding director of the Children's Choir of Huntington County, Ind.

Dr. Paul Rothrock, professor of biology, received the *2005 Franklin W. and Joan M. Forman Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award.* This award honors a faculty member who has publicly demonstrated significant expertise in original research, writing or other scholarly endeavors. Rothrock has published more than 25 articles in highly-regarded regional and national science journals and has authored several important papers dealing with the relationship between science and theology. He has shared his passion for God's created world with Taylor students for more than 22 years.

Dr. Larry Helyer, professor of biblical studies, received the *2005 Taylor University Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award.* This award is presented to faculty members who display a positive influence on students, expertise in their field of specialization and visibility outside the college community. Helyer has written countless journal articles and several books, as well as participated in research and presented at numerous conferences and professional organizations. He has faithfully served Taylor with excellence for over 20 years.

Professor of philosophy **Dr. Jim Spiegel's** book *How to be Good in a World Gone Bad* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Kregel Publications, 2004) won an Award of Merit from *Christianity Today* under the category of "Spirituality." The magazine honored 23 titles that "bring understanding to people, events and ideas that shape evangelical life, thought and mission." With candor and clarity, Spiegel explores 22 different traits of a person with excellent character. This truly is a manual for how to be "blameless and pure … in a depraved generation" (Philippians 2:14).

Dr. Matt DeLong, associate professor of mathematics, was awarded the *2005 Henry L. Alder Award for Distinguished Teaching* by a beginning college or university mathematics faculty member at the MathFest Prize Session on August 5 in Albuquerque, N.M. It is given to a professor whose teaching has been extraordinarily successful and whose effectiveness in teaching undergraduate mathematics is shown to have influence beyond his own classroom.

Spring sports review

Golf: The team ended its season with a seventh place finish at the NAIA Region VIII Championships. Matt Hall '07 earned All-Region honors.

Baseball: The men's baseball team finished the season with a 23-24, 12-11 record, placing them fourth in the South division of the Mid-Central Conference (MCC). Trent Mast '06 and Chris Nycz '07 were selected to the MCC All-Conference team. Mast was also honored as a member of the NAIA Region VIII All-Region team.

Softball: The Lady Trojan softball team ended the season with a record of 10-21, 7-9 in the MCC, placing them fifth in the league standings. Emily Pensinger '06 was honored as a member of the All-MCC team.

Women's track: The women's track and field squad placed third at the MCC Championships. Three Lady Trojans earned All-Conference honors. The team also qualified two individuals for the NAIA National Championships. Carolyn Betteridge '06 broke her own school record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 12:06.74.

Men's track: The men's track and field team won their eleventh consecutive MCC Championship. Eight members of the team won All-Conference honors, while Head Coach Ted Bowers won Coach of the Year accolades. The Trojans concluded their season at the NAIA National Championships in Louisville, Ky. Bryan Jackson '06 earned his seventh NAIA All-American honor with a fifth-place effort in the 400-meter hurdles.

Men's tennis: The team competed in the NAIA Regional Championships and finished sixth.

Men's basketball: Head Coach Paul Patterson was selected as a court coach for the USA Basketball Under-21 National Team Trials held in Dallas, Texas, in July. Patterson was responsible for conducting drills, coaching scrimmages and working with players vying for spots on the 2005 USA U21 World Championship Team.

Laboring *together*

President Eugene Habecker addresses the Taylor community at the Commissioning Chapel. The first chapel of the year is held in Odle Gymnasium to accomodate the attendance of faculty, staff and students—and serves as a prayer service for the upcoming year.

It is indeed a humbling experience to be asked by one's alma mater to serve as president and first lady. We have felt God's calling very clearly in returning to this place. We do so with incredible joy and expectations about all that God is going to do.

We have a wonderful challenge and opportunity that we need to fully leverage together. Let me emphasize that word *together*—two people cannot do this, five people cannot do it, but many people connected with arms linked together can do great things.

"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him (2 Chronicles 16:9)." This is a challenge to have the kind of people that God can fully use and wants to use, whether that be at the student level, the staff level, the faculty level or the board level. We want to be those kind of people here at Taylor University so that we can work together to accomplish His work.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain (Psalm 127:1)." Even now as we anticipate the wonderful things I know in my heart that God is going to do with all of us working together, unless the Lord builds it, we labor in vain.

Let us not labor in vain. Let's toil together building the house that He has planned and in doing so become all God wants us to become—globally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Let's keep the main thing the main thing as we go onward—helping learners connect with God's love for the world.

Marylou and I are excited about this place, and we look forward to all that God has for us to accomplish—together. God will do exceedingly above and beyond what we can ever dare ask for or imagine. Let's pray and trust Him to do just that. Even now, before it even happens, let's promise to give Him the glory and praise for all He will do in the days ahead.

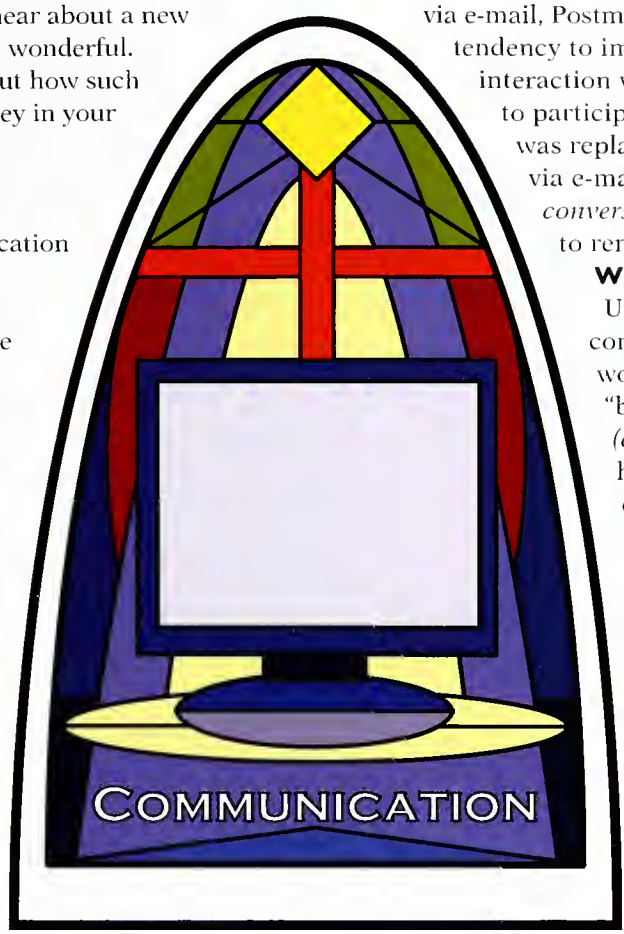
In closing, "May the God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus. The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it (II Thessalonians 5:23)." And so He will. Amen.

Communication and technology

While talking with friends, you hear about a new technology that someone finds wonderful. As you listen, you begin to think about how such technology could save time and money in your life. But is it really worth the hassle?

Technopoly?

Neil Postman, late chair of the department of culture and communication at New York University in his book *Technopoly: The Surrender of Culture of Technology* wrote that whenever we hear about new technology, the hype associated with it usually relates to how it can (or will) make our lives smoother, easier, faster, better. But, he asked, while it giveth, does it ever taketh away?



Postman contended that technology is "a Faustian bargain." Too often people incorporate it into their lives without considering the long-term implications. In America, technology has covertly downplayed religion's role by promising answers to questions and problems previously handled by religion. If science doesn't have an answer now, most likely it will in the near future. Subsequently, there's not much need for priests or prayers, just place your faith in science.

That's not normal!

Another byproduct of technological proliferation of particular interest is its impact on word meanings. If you were to go to a house in one of our cities or suburbs that had no phone of any kind, it would not be far-fetched to consider such an abode as "abnormal," would it? But why? It is strange. In fact, it wouldn't be going too far to call it *unnatural*. Think about that gradual change. What is *normative* is now confused with what is *natural*. The meaning of a word is blurred.

Consider the word *communication*. While speaking at Calvin College in recent years, Postman related that he was asked to "converse" with a professor from Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the impact of technology on society. When he was informed that the idea was to have their *conversation* via e-mail, Postman balked. Aware of technology's tendency to impact meanings, he replied that such interaction was not a *conversation*. He agreed to participate only if the word *conversation* was replaced by the phrase "interacting via e-mail." Calling e-mail interaction *conversation* was blurring lines he wanted to remain distinct.

What does it all mean?

Undoubtedly, technology is impacting communication. Consider the latter word. Deriving from Latin words "bound" *(munis)* and "together" *(com)*, the word *communication* has an interesting etymology. In one historical sample from the *Oxford English Dictionary* it was synonymous with sexual intercourse, in another it referred to individuals partaking of holy communion *(as communicants)*. It seems to have roots implying more than can be gleaned from today's text messaging.

At Taylor, the concept of "intentional community" (with the same Latin roots as above) is a vital part of our culture. Does that concept include the idea of "virtual" community, something that is artificially created in cyberspace? How could the term *community* be impacted by its association with the modifiers "intentional" and "virtual?" Os Guinness, in *The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life*, has an answer:

"... no amount of talk of 'virtual community' can overlook the fact that communication that is person-to-person but not face-to-face amounts to a severe loss. The plain fact is that for most modern people, community is either a rare experience or a distant, even mocking, ideal."

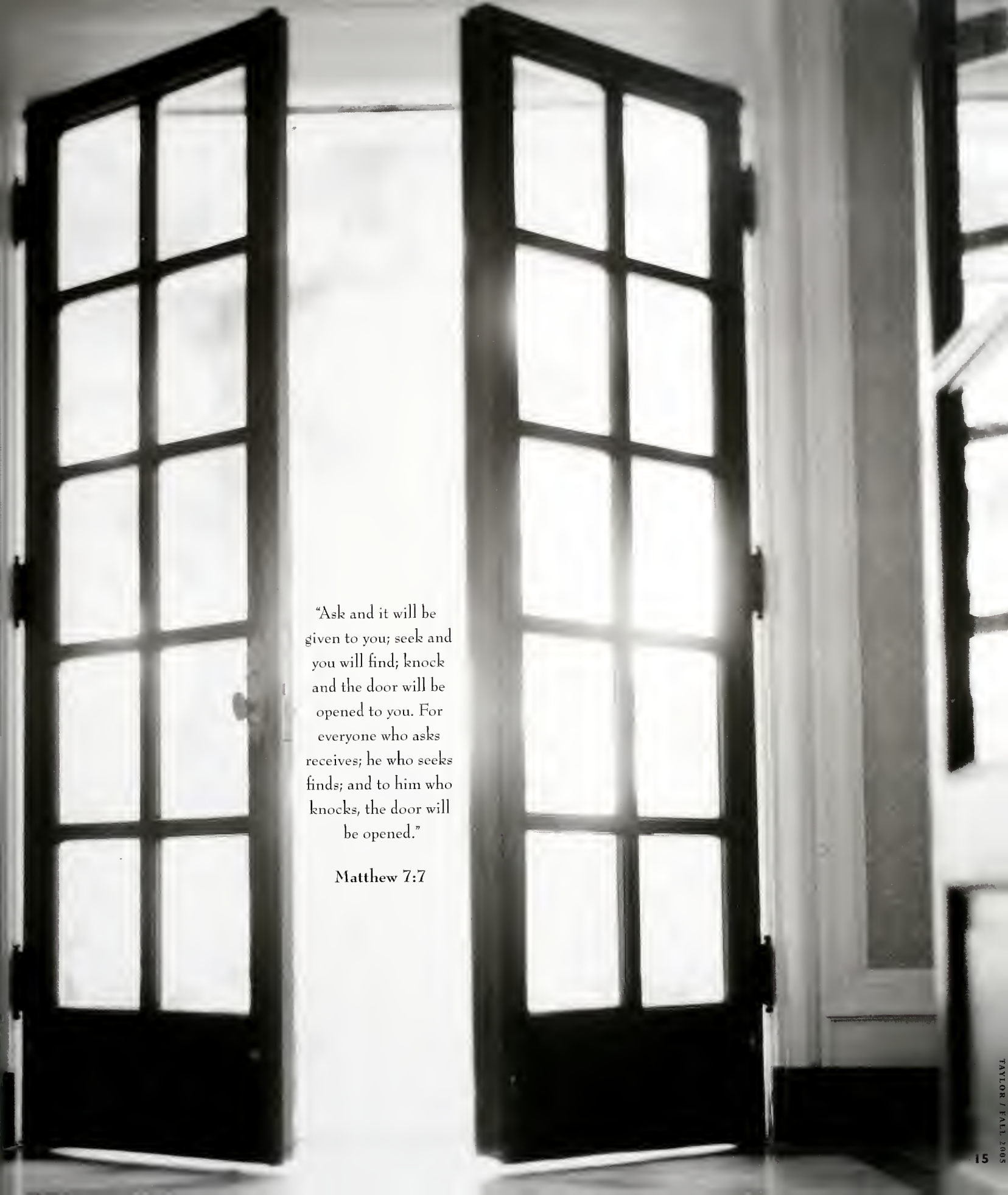
It's something you might ponder the next time you partake of the body and blood of our Lord as a "communicant" or think about using the word *communication* for dropping an electronic message to a friend over the Internet.

Dr. Dale Keller is an associate professor of communication arts.

openedoors

In the hallway of life, doors of opportunity are everywhere, providing thresholds to endless possibilities. Sometimes these doors are slammed shut. Other times, one will open unexpectedly, offering an inviting entry.

These doors determine direction. Each one penetrated unlocks a world of new encounters. What threshold will you traverse next?



"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7

Doors of opportunity

President Eugene Habecker's plan to help Taylor achieve its full potential

Left: An alumnus of both Wengatz and Samuel Morris Halls, Habecker is passionate about Christian higher education. **Below:** A painting of his first schoolhouse in Lancaster, Pa., hangs in Habecker's study.

Gene Habecker '68 has come a long way from the one-room schoolhouse in Hershey, Pa., where he began his formal education. It was an experience he describes as "one of the most enriching educational experiences of my life" because he was able to hear his school lessons, as well as those for grades above him. The experience ignited a spark within him for education, one that has been fanned into a full-fledged fire over the years.

Gene came to Taylor in 1964, sight unseen. He heard of Taylor through a family friend, and though he was unsure if he was college material, he applied anyway. Fortunately for Gene he was accepted, since Taylor was the only school to which he applied. "I didn't even know what a Christian liberal arts college was," he said. "But I had a clear sense that this is where God wanted me."

His time at Taylor was "unbelievable" and "where God got ahold of (his) life." A political science major, Gene did not have his sights set on any particular career; rather, he looked to the Lord for guidance. "I had no idea what He was going to do with me," he said. "But it was the quality of preparation I received at Taylor that allowed me to embrace opportunities when God opened the doors."

God certainly has opened doors, and Gene has been faithful to walk through. After Taylor, he earned degrees from Ball State University, University of Michigan and Temple University School of Law.

Below: Habecker is serious about his work—and his faith.

"... being a leader who follows the heartbeat of the Lord."

He truly has a heart for servant leadership, a subject he has devoted to three books. Gene hopes to model these principles during his time at Taylor. "It's using power and authority and influence in their right ways and for the right reasons that marks the difference being a leader who follows the heartbeat of the Lord."

Only a few years ago, Gene began to feel that heartbeat—the nudgings of the Holy Spirit—urging him to invest his life in the next generation. He pursued some adjunct faculty work on the side, but it wasn't until the Taylor presidency opened that he and Marylou felt that they could directly "pour our lives into students, sharing with them what we're learning, the good and the bad."

And that's exactly what they plan to do regularly, weekly if possible. They will host a weekly one-hour session for student leaders (and anyone else who would like to attend). For the first 15-20 minutes, Gene and Marylou will share what they feel God is teaching them and what it means to be a follower of Christ. The remainder of the time will be open for discussion and questions about anything from the University to the Bible and beyond.

They also hope to encourage students' attendance by making the President's home more accessible. They already had a sidewalk installed near the Kesler Student Activities Center directly to their back door, "so students will be able to come to our house without having to endanger themselves by navigating Reade Avenue."

Below: Habecker mingles with students in his office.

"To whom God has entrusted much, much is required."

They hope to initiate an active "welcome" with students, desiring for the home to be a beehive of activity. "This home is an asset to the University and will be fully deployed to help it achieve its mission," he said. "We'll be disappointed if we don't have thousands of people involved with this home each year."

One way they hope to increase activity is with a fire pit that was installed behind their home. But the Habeckers realize that their time here won't just be a time of socializing.

Returning to Taylor "is a very humbling thing because it is a huge opportunity," he said. He also recognizes the great responsibility that comes along with it. "To whom God has entrusted much, much is required."

Indeed it is. Gene and Marylou are planning for just that. "Our goal is to have Taylor achieve its full potential."

Regardless of what the future holds for Taylor, Gene plans to let God direct his steps. "I let Him lead, and I follow. When He zigs, I'm going to zig; when He zags, I'm going to zag," he said. It's that faithful obedience that has brought him all the way from a one-room schoolhouse in Pennsylvania to President of Taylor University in Indiana.

A portrait of his one-room schoolhouse now hangs in Gene's study. It serves as a reminder of his humble educational beginning—and indeed how far God has led by opening doors of opportunity.

Home is where the heart is

Marylou Habecker's hospitality is apparent to all who enter

Left: Habecker discusses her plans for the President's home.
Below: Habecker's personal touch is expressed even on the front door to their home.

Maintenance men were busy planting flowers, moving shrubs and generally sprucing up the area as I walked the sidewalk to my destination—the President's home.

The door swung open to reveal a friendly face, First Lady Marylou (Napolitano '68) Habecker. She graciously welcomed me into the 39-year-old home. Her gentle spirit was immediately evident and matched by her soft-spoken nature.

The smell of fresh paint flooded my nostrils as I stepped over the threshold. She quickly introduced me to the housekeepers who were polishing the foyer.

We proceeded through a maze of boxes to the kitchen. The counter was covered with gifts welcoming them to Upland, Ind. "Everyone has been so gracious," she said as she searched the cupboards for drinking glasses. She explained how people in the community had already left everything from chocolate chip cookies to fresh tomatoes on their doorstep.

With our glasses full, we made our way to the living room and settled in for an interview next to the baby grand piano. The room was cluttered with furniture and boxes waiting to be opened. Bare walls screamed for décor; empty shelves invited adornment. The Habeckers arrived in Upland only one day earlier and planned to leave in a few days for a ten-day trip to South Africa.

South Africa is just one of many countries the Habeckers have visited, serving others and developing their passion for global engagement. Their involvement with the American Bible Society for 14 years sent them, literally, around the world.

Below: Full of grace and warmth, Habecker's gentle spirit glows with her love for Christ.

"It feels like we never left Taylor ..."

Perhaps most memorable for Marylou are visiting Jerusalem and the Seven Wonders of the World. But it was Garbage Village in Cairo, Egypt, that tugged at her heart.

Garbage Village, whose name reflects its smell, is a recycling center where the poorest of the poor gather trash, sort it and sell it in an attempt to make a living. A destitute man was walking through the town when he heard Scripture being recited from a tape recording. He went back night after night to hear about Jesus. Although he lived in the middle of a garbage heap and had missing teeth, he still proclaimed, "Now when I have trouble I have hope because Jesus is in my heart."

Marylou offered her perspective, "You can take the slickest looking guy in New York City that's so put together and perfect, but Jesus looks at the inside of our hearts, not what's on the outside. The man in Garbage Village had the cleanest, purest heart—because, as Isaiah 1:18 says, ' ... though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they will be like wool.'" Her hazel eyes filled with tears as she recalled the touching moment.

Only a few seconds later, they lit up as in walked her husband Gene Habecker '68 (who she describes as "incredibly Godly, passionate and the most biblically-centered person I know").

"Hi, Sweetie," he said as he came over and gently kissed her cheek. Gene and Marylou's romance began as students at Taylor in the Dining Commons, which was then located in the Union (which Marylou affectionately referred to as "the spaceship"). It wasn't until their junior year that they "became more than special friends." They were married the summer after they graduated and this past July celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary.

Below: The Habeckers pray together on the Fort Wayne campus.

"I couldn't believe what I experienced at Taylor ..."

A first generation college student from Michigan, Marylou came to Taylor and, admittedly, "had no idea what a credit hour was!" She graduated with an elementary education major four years later—and a better understanding of the Christian community she now so loves. "I couldn't believe what I experienced at Taylor, primarily the people, secondarily the education."

The former East Hall (now Grace Olson Hall) resident hasn't been disconnected from her alma mater. Since 2004, she served as a Taylor Board member, a position she held until Gene accepted the presidency. Not surprisingly, Marylou and Gene share a passion for Christian higher education. "Our hearts have always been in (it)," she said.

But Marylou's focus is on cultivating relationships. She hopes to be involved in the community and in the lives of students, faculty and staff—ultimately reaching people where their needs are and walking alongside them. "We feel like God has brought us back and that many lives will be changed, ours included," she said.

And so Gene and Marylou return to Taylor to do Christ's work with joy in their hearts and wide smiles on their faces. "It feels like we never left (Taylor) but have a whole lot more experience and the war scars of life," she said.

With a big grin, she bid me farewell. As she did, the sunlight from the front door reflected off the delicate blue hearts on her necklace, causing them to sparkle.

As I left their dwelling, maintenance men were still toiling away in the noonday heat. Although they still had some cosmetic improvements to make, if home is where the heart is, this is already home.

Taking flight

One alumnus' journey to becoming president of Youth for Christ

When Dan Wolgemuth '77 boarded an airplane in Washington, D.C., to return home to Kansas City, Mo., little did he know God was going to take him on a spiritual flight.

A member of the national board of Youth for Christ (YFC), he had recently been nominated as a potential candidate to succeed YFC/USA President Roger Cross. Dan was reluctant to even consider it as an option. "Not in my wildest dreams did it seem like a possibility," he said.

Dan compiled a list of reasons as to why it would be illogical for him to accept the position. But his hesitance "had nothing to do with my passion or what I believed God had gifted me with or what I loved to do; it had everything to do with economics and convenience."

With these thoughts flying, he headed home from his business trip. Soaring 30,000 feet above the earth, God began tugging at his heart. "It was as if He was saying, 'I'm not calling you at this point to be president of YFC. I'm calling you to say 'yes' to me.'" Admittedly, "it was a tough airplane ride." He disembarked the plane with a "different heart" and a willing spirit, one that said 'yes' to God.

YFC hired a national recruiting firm to scour the country in search of interested candidates, which comforted Dan. Though he was now willing, he was confident they would find someone more qualified.

But they found no one more well-equipped. After months of interviews, Dan was offered the job, a moment flooded with emotion. "It was like in the airplane, like a spiritual renewal. I realized there is little else that matters in life than what I do for Him."

He accepted the position and officially began April 1, 2005. But YFC is nothing new to the Wolgemuth family. Dan's father, Sam, was president of the organization from 1965-1973. Despite his father's legacy, Dan has never felt like he had to somehow measure up. "I feel like I stand on my father's shoulders," he said.

Ironically, Dan's first memories of YFC are of picking up his father at the airport. "I've always known YFC, but I never had a clue I'd ever be this involved. But I knew that whatever I did, God wanted me to be His."

And His he is, which is why Dan dedicates every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. (Denver time) to 15 minutes of prayer with 180 of his YFC executive directors around the nation. He sends a responsive reading ahead of time through e-mail, then they dial into a conference call and "hear a staccato prayer from all across the country."

Of the nine presidents of YFC, Dan joins three other Taylor graduates—Ted Engstrom '38, Jay Kesler '58 and Sam Wolgemuth '38. He attributes the deep connection between YFC and Taylor to similar missions. "Taylor's vision for young people matches beautifully what YFC is about, so it becomes a logical training bed for the ministry."

It was during his time at Taylor that Dan developed deep relationships, beginning with his wife Mary (Cargo '78), who he describes as "the highlight of what I got in college."

Dan and Mary's children have also come to Taylor—Andrew '03 and wife Chrissy (Jones) '03, Erik '05 and Alli '08. "It makes me really grateful to take my kids [to Taylor] because it's a great place. With three kids there, we've sent a lot of money to Taylor, but we believe it has been a great investment."

Worthwhile, too, has been his investment in YFC that impacts eternity. Last year alone, nearly 200,000 youth all around the world came to know Christ through YFC ministries. "To be able to lead an organization that does this is really incredible."

Although Dan never had YFC planned for his future, God did. And so their journey together on this new adventure is taking flight.

A step of faith

How God led a 2005 grad to Taylor, and her next steps

Imagine a life that isn't cluttered with regrets. Imagine a faith not fractured by disillusionment, human reason and compromise. Then, imagine a joy that defies human comprehension.

This is Christine Amony '05.

Since she came to the U.S. in 2001, her life has been anything but easy. Then again, hardships were nothing new for Amony, who with her family fled their home in Northern Uganda to escape a life of slavery imposed by Sudanese raiders. As one of 12 children from an impoverished family, Amony wasn't technically penniless when she came to the U.S. Her family had scraped together all of $20 to use for, what she called, "any bits along the way."

And actually, the way Amony originally planned did not go through Upland, Ind., or include Taylor University. She had accepted an athletic scholarship to play collegiate volleyball in California (a sport she had only taken up late in high school). Although she had never heard of the school (a well-recognized Christian college), she boarded the plane in faith that she could play for the team and that the seemingly insurmountable financial challenge she faced would be taken care of by God.

That belief was tested when the coach who recruited her accepted a job at another school after her freshman year. The new coach reduced Amony's scholarship in a dollar-stretching strategy aimed at attracting more players, and it seemed as if her dream of an American college education would vanish. "I fasted, cried and prayed every night to God," Amony said. "When I talked to my Mum during that time, she said, 'My daughter, don't cry. God has a perfect plan for you.'" Her mother's assurance came true when she received a financial aid offer from Taylor's volleyball coach, Angie Fincannon, whom she had met at a tournament the previous year.

Although Amony had achieved MVP status on the Ugandan National volleyball team and shown flashes of promise that sophomore season, it would take nearly a year before she began to be the consistent contributor Fincannon envisioned. But that was on the playing floor. Off the court, Amony's simple faith and joyful attitude had an impact on coach and team alike.

"Faith was the big thing with Christine. She came to Taylor on faith," said Fincannon. "She had faith that it was going to work out at Taylor. She had faith that she was going to get better (as a player) ... That was something that really touched me."

As Amony's first season in Upland was winding down she received shattering news that her sister had died following a sudden illness. "She was in such shock," Fincannon related. "I walked in, and she just collapsed ... it broke my heart. She sobbed so helplessly. I could feel every mile of the distance between her and her family. I sat with her, rubbed her head and let her cry."

Within minutes, as it seemed to Fincannon, Amony's teammates learned what had happened and began arriving at the Odle Gymnasium to comfort and love her as best they could. "They just wrapped themselves around her," said Fincannon. "They cried with her. It felt like a family member of ours had died. I just couldn't imagine losing a sister and not being able to go home to the family and grieve."

In Uganda, people are buried quickly following their death, which made it impossible for Amony to attend her sister's funeral even if she had had the funds for an airline ticket. So she observed her sister's passing the only way she could when, amid Fincannon's protests, she joined the team for a scheduled game in Indianapolis, Ind., the next day. "She said, 'I want to play, and I want to play for my sister,'" Fincannon related. "I just prayed that God would give her the strength to play. He did. She played phenomenally."

The team was so touched by Amony's resolve and testimony that they pooled their resources to purchase a plane ticket home for her that Christmas.

"I was overwhelmed by the love, kindness, prayers and notes I received from the students, staff and faculty," Amony said. "The Taylor family indeed embraced me in God's love during my time of grieving. This challenged me to move beyond my grief and press on toward the goal of the prize that has been set before us."

Although Amony would also lose a brother a year-and-a-half later, it was her faith that drew and challenged her teammates and friends in their own Christian walks.

"There are many things that I will remember about our 'Ugandan Sister,' mainly her smile, contagious laugh and her faith in the Lord," said teammate Lindsay Diehm '05. "I have seen her faithfulness and devotion to the Lord, and it has encouraged me to continually grow in my walk with Him. No matter how difficult things were, Christine was able to stay positive and focused. She overcame a lot of obstacles to excel in the classroom and on the court."

"I just saw a joyful, joyful Christian," related Barb Davenport, the person whom Amony calls her "American Mum" and "God's angel." Davenport worked with Amony and other athletes to ensure they did not fall behind in their studies. "The Lord really was her Shepherd. She believed He would take care of her." And He has, partially by providing her the Taylor volleyball team—and the camaraderie that follows.

"We are always a family when we are together. To us a family means being honest, caring, loving, supporting and encouraging each other," Amony said. "We are also willing to do whatever it takes as a team to win for Jesus' glory. Just like what our slogan says, 'For Him we play to win,' I have enjoyed praying with my teammates before and after games and playing in an environment where everything is for God ... I am so thankful that God brought me to Taylor University."

— James Garringer

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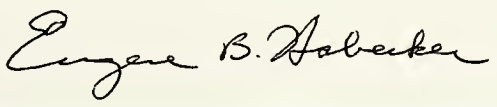
GIFT

Lilly Endowment, Inc. announces $4.5 million grant!

"Taylor University is once again particularly blessed to be the recipient of the generosity of the Lilly Endowment, Inc. Alumni and friends have a wonderful opportunity to prepare and equip our students to meet 21st century challenges through a rigorous academic curriculum that enhances all our programs to ensure the essential Taylor experience. Each dollar you invest in the University will be matched by the Endowment with $1.50! I am so excited that God has given me the privilege of leading Taylor during these great days of global opportunity. Will you join me by giving and then celebrating with me God's faithfulness as we partner together in achieving this goal?"



In a June announcement from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., Taylor was invited to participate in The Special Initiative to Strengthen Philanthropy for Indiana Higher Education Institutions-Phase II. Beginning June 1, 2005, all gifts from alumni and friends count toward a $3,000,000 goal that will be matched by the Endowment at a 1:1.5 ratio.

By the conclusion of this special initiative, Dec. 31, 2006, Taylor will receive $4.5 million from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

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Every dollar counts. Please contact Harold Hazen, vice president for university advancement, at (800) 882-3456, ext. 5116, for additional information or go to www.taylor.edu/giving.

Time of Transition

The President of Taylor University functions as the chief executive officer of the institution, accounting for the overall leadership and management. Since 2000, this position was filled by David Gyertson. However, returning to his "original calling" to "equip emerging world leaders for the Christian faith," he now serves as distinguished professor of leadership formation and renewal at the School of Leadership Studies at Regent University.

Subsequently, God called Eugene Habecker to return to his alma mater to fill the presidential vacancy. And he does so with passion and enthusiasm. "We anticipate a wonderful and exciting ministry at Taylor, and we have incredible expectations for what God is going to do as He leads us together to embrace dreams greater than memories," he said.

Gyertson and Habecker worked together to ensure a smooth time of transition. The following report represents the 2004-05 fiscal year, under the direction of Gyertson. We look forward to all God has in the future under Habecker's leadership.

Annual Report

2004-05

Between the lines

The following pages represent a brief overview of the past year, but it is not the whole story. These facts and figures say much about Taylor's successes, but they don't adequately reflect the whole-person education, the spiritual growth or the changed lives that happen each year. That's what it's all about.

Progress Toward Achieving 2004-05 Strategic Priorities

- *Development of New Site and Facility Master Plans for the Upland and Fort Wayne Campuses*
  At the January Board meeting the Troyer Group presented an overview of the proposed Upland master plan. The Fort Wayne master plan is in the final stage of development.

- *Life Together Covenant Review*
  The University Council for Assessment and Planning (UCAP) held forums requested by the Board LTC Task Force with key University stakeholders for the purpose of soliciting comments and suggestions about the current version of the LTC.

- *Implementation of the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP)*
  In January 2004 the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association approved Taylor's AQIP application. Action projects for the next three years have been developed.

- *Enrollment Management*
  Refining current enrollment management practices as well as developing improved monitoring, forecasting and reporting plans have reached new levels of attention and sophistication over the past year. New financial aid packaging standards designed to target specific student profiles have been implemented. Most noteworthy is the strong ongoing academic affairs/student affairs collaboration efforts that have resulted in raising freshman retention three precent in 2004, streamling class scheduling procedures and developing a freshman Irish Studies Program that achieves program enrichment goals as well as meets enrollment targets on the Upland campus.

Information Technology

- The Luminis Portal, myTAYLOR, was implemented in Fall 2004.
- The wireless network was expanded on both campuses.

Institutional Research

- Stephen Dayton was hired in September 2004 as the key staff member responsible for institutional reporting, analyzing data and preparing ad hoc reports needed for "data- enriched decision making." The Institutional Fact Book was expanded this year and now includes program assessment reports. The Alumni Survey for the class of 2001 was completed. Analysis is underway.

Other

- The Upland vice president for academic affairs search process was suspended when President Gyertson announced plans to accept a faculty appointment at Regent University in 2005.
- The new academic governance model is working well and being refined as issues arise.
- A faculty salary study subcommittee of the Faculty Personnel Committee is developing guiding principles and compensation recommendations.
- CTE & CR&I—both the Center for Teaching Excellence and Center for Research and Innovation programs are unfolding according to proposed timelines.

Upland Campus

At the heart of Taylor University's academic life is a committed faculty. Eleven new members joined the ranks for the 2004-05 year. Four faculty members were recognized for their long-term service as they retired: Dr. Eleanor Barrick, modern languages; Robert Benjamin, accounting; Dr. Timothy Diller, computer science; and Janet Loy, modern languages.

The 40th Annual Science Seminar focused on the scientific study of origins. The goal was to expose students to the broad range of views held by speakers who have a Christian orientation.

Taylor students competed well this year in the Ethics Bowl, the Michigan Annual Take Home Competition in Mathematics, and a national science competition in Texas where the nanosatellite team competed.

One hundred thirty-five students studied at 21 different off-campus sites during 2004-05.

New media majors were introduced in the art, communication arts and the computer science departments. These interdisciplinary majors are designed to reflect the convergence of communication, technology and design in broadcast, web and print media.

TABS (Taylor Association of Business Students) planned a successful day-long conference in February attended by over 300 students. Sixteen presenters, many Taylor alumni, gave students a view of what to expect in the workplace.

Interterm is here to stay! After a thorough study, the faculty voted to retain a 4-1-4 calendar to allow for off-campus travel and intensive focus on one subject, thus enhancing student performance.

Several opportunities for collaboration in research projects between faculty and students emerged this year. The Center for Research and Innovation received a Lilly Endowment "intellectual capital grant," part of which was to bolster research.

Fort Wayne Campus

Academic Affairs on the Fort Wayne campus became a more autonomous unit within the University. A separate Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee was formed to review issues that only pertain to the Fort Wayne campus. Two campus associate deans were installed to assist in administrative duties. Campus academic departments were formed that relate more closely to the campus context.

The campus' distinctive of spiritual formation was enhanced dramatically. Many full-time faculty assigned "soul projects" enabling students to meditate extensively on scriptures relevant to course topics.

Distinguished visiting practitioners and strategic partnerships advanced the applied majors offered on campus.

A newly forged partnership between Prison Fellowship and the Justice Studies Department trained criminal justice majors to mentor children with incarcerated parents.

An internal partnership between the Center for Lifelong Learning and several academic departments on campus created a path for an associate's degree online and the completion of a bachelor's degree on campus. This program, known as 2+2, is targeting to students from a home-schooled background.

Upland Campus

Development

- The Taylor Fund continued to increase again this year with a total of $1,531,273, a 17 percent increase over the previous year.
- Taylor University's extended phonathon for the Taylor Fund marked a 65 percent increase over last year's total. Total pledged for fiscal 2004-05 is $407,402 from 3,456 pledges.
- Alumni participation continues to grow with 46 percent of alumni solicited giving to the University. The national average for private liberal arts colleges is 9.4 percent.

University Relations and Marketing

- With refined marketing and branding programs in place, publications have moved to a level of improved excellence, including three issues of the award-winning *Taylor* magazine annually.
- Presidential transition plans dominated the second half of the year, with emphasis on communication via print and Web.
- The Kesler Student Activities Center dedication took place during Homecoming 2004. Plans for major Web site revisions are in place, and new portals have been launched.

Alumni Relations

- The office of Alumni Relations is building relationships with students, alumni and friends. Regional chapters have been established in Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, Washington D.C., Chicago and Orlando. Online resources such as the Taylor Web site, monthly eNews and the soon-to-be-launched alumni portal and online directory make communication with alumni more effective and efficient.

William Taylor Foundation

- The Foundation accounted for over $3,790,000 in bequests, as well as capital, current and deferred gifts. Individuals were encouraged to make sure they have all of their proper documents in order, including wills, living trusts (if needed), power of attorney, health care representatives and living wills.

Fort Wayne Campus

Development

- The Council of 100 recognition program was launched in October 2004 with 44 members inducted. The Wall of Honor, located in the Eicher Student Commons, was also installed.
- The Fort Wayne Fund exceeded its $545,000 goal with the help of phonathon pledges exceeding $82,000 and 37 percent alumni participation. The two-week phonathon experienced a 16 percent increase from last fiscal year.
- Over $75,000 was raised through direct mail, a 30 percent increase over the previous year, with each dollar costing only $.10 to raise.
- The establishment of the Peter L. Eicher Giving Society was announced. Members of the giving society are faculty and staff donors. Employee giving for the 2004-05 fiscal year was 83 percent.

University Relations

- The new Web site for the Fort Wayne campus was launched in October 2004.
- University Relations collaborated with Admissions to implement new marketing concepts, which resulted in enhanced publications, promotional materials, television commercials and radio spots. The new tagline "Where your calling takes shape" has been well-received.
- The first edition of Profiles in Servant Leadership was published, and University Relations played a key role promoting the Lilly Guest Lecture Series.

Alumni Relations

- The Alumni Directory was completed and distributed.
- Homecoming/Parents Weekend was a huge success raising over $6,000 for the Student Emergency Fund with over 150 alumni attending.
- A state-of-the-art power point presentation was developed to share information with alumni, friends, students and parents.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

(in thousands of dollars)

Balance Sheet	2005	2004
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$263	$433
Receivables	$6,268	$6,390
Investments	$29,342	$33,566
Endowed Assets	$51,044	$46,318
Annuity/Trust Assets	$16,926	$21,049
Physical Plant	$68,042	$66,842
Other	$1,401	$1,245
TOTAL ASSETS	$173,286	$175,843
Accounts Payable/Accruals	$6,093	$7,836
Mortgages/Notes Payable	$18,534	$19,598
Governmental Financial Aid	$2,726	$2,616
Trust Liabilities	$10,401	$14,189
Other Liabilities	$652	$856
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$38,406	$45,095
Unrestricted Net Assets	$83,473	$79,074
Temporary Restricted Net Assets	$8,392	$11,132
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	$43,015	$40,542
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$134,880	$130,748
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	$173,286	$175,843

Revenues	Net	%
Net Tuition and Fees	$32,908	53.57%
Auxiliaries*	$11,909	19.39%
Gifts (Unrestricted and Program)	$10,759	17.52%
Unrestricted Endowment Income and Investments	$2,627	4.59%
Other	$3,031	4.93%
Total Revenues	$61,234	100.00%

*Dining Commons, Rooms, Bookstore, etc.

Expenditures	Net	%
Academic Affairs	$23,234	40.55%
Student Affairs	$9,661	16.86%
Research	$494	0.86%
Public Service	$3,082	5.38%
Institutional Support	$10,118	17.99%
Auxiliary Enterprises	$10,513	18.35%
Total Expenses	$57,102	100.00%
Net Income	$4,132	

	2004-05		2003-04	
Financial Aid	Awards	Amounts	Awards	Amounts
Federal Aid	3,705	$13,406,961	3,809	$12,931,936
State Aid	543	$2,056,339	539	$2,155,308
TU Aid	4,171	$11,851,380	3,969	$11,195,660
Other	637	$3,260,883	611	$2,582,912
Total Aid		$30,575,563		$28,865,816

Includes Upland, Fort Wayne and the Center for Lifelong Learning

Upland Campus

Taylor World Outreach sponsored eight trips over spring break to the Virgin Islands, Russia, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, the Bahamas, Mexico, Daytona Beach and Homestead, Fla. Over 150 students, faculty and staff were involved.

Residence Life Programs presented their annual "Sex in the Village" series focusing on issues of sexual abuse, including how to help survivors of sexual abuse and the effects of pornography.

The Leadership Initiative of Taylor programs had approximately 450 attend their monthly leadership training seminars.

The Campus Ministries Office raised over $14,000 to assist Tsunami relief efforts.

The Career Development Office (CDO) Task Force recommended the relocation of the CDO to the Student Union to take advantage of higher levels of student traffic. Two new staff persons have also been added.

Men's and Women's Conferences had approximately 300 and 500 participants respectively.

The Multicultural Task Force is in the process of developing recommendations for improving the experience of current American ethnic students.

Admissions

This past fall, Taylor University welcomed 477 freshmen to the Upland campus. Admissions hosted over 1700 visitors and conducted over 1600 interviews. This freshman class, the largest in the past three years, came to Upland from 34 states and 10 countries. Over 70 percent are from out of state; they averaged a 3.6 GPA in high school, where 37 percent of them graduated in the top ten percent of their class. They averaged 1182 on the SAT and 26.3 on the ACT. Over 27 percent are either the child of an alumnus or the sibling of a current student.

Athletics

The 2004-05 athletic season was highlighted by six Trojan teams earning the right to compete at the NAIA National Championship level.

- Five NAIA All-Americans
- Eleven NAIA Scholar-Athletes
- Thirty-two MCC All-Conference Athletes
- Eight Mid-States Football Association All-Conference Athletes
- Three MCC Coach of the Year awards
- Three MCC Regular Season Champions
- One MCC Tournament Champion

Fort Wayne Campus

Taylor University Fort Wayne student development, dedicated to "whole person" maturity, made the theme, "Lead a life worthy of the calling," its heartbeat. A campus committed to intentional spiritual formation, chapel programs and campus discipleship played key roles. Ninety-seven students participated in Taylor World Outreach short-term mission experiences, including four trips to Jamaica, with a special hurricane relief trip after Hurricane Ivan, and two to Ecuador. On campus, Discipleship Coordinators planned topical Bible studies, available to students and staff, in small group settings throughout the academic year.

The Lilian Rolf Home and the Clyde Taylor House held upperclass females majoring in elementary education and upperclass males majoring in computer science, respectively. Hausser Hall served as the first-year student residence with men on the first floor and women on the second. The new configuration provided opportunities for developing friendships and programming to be geared specifically toward new students.

The Taylor Student Organization had a productive year as they worked to expand library and fitness center hours. In addition, new aerobic equipment was purchased with TSO funding, and the senior class donated benches placed under the flagpole in the Witmer Circle.

Admissions

Intentional branding efforts were launched in the 2004-05 recruitment year to develop a market niche for students seeking curricular and co-curricular programs emphasizing applied learning and spiritual formation in the Christian higher education context. These efforts helped to shape a freshman class that is less regional, more diverse and more confident in their vocational calling.

Athletics

The 2004-05 athletic season was highlighted by the Lady Falcon volleyball finishing second in the 2004 U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association National Tournament, and the ladies' basketball team placed fifth in the USCAA National Tournament.

- Four All-Americans
- Two All-American Honorable Mentions
- Six Academic All-Americans
- One Second-Team All-American
- Two All-Tournament Teams
- Two National Tournaments
- Six Players of the Week Awarded
- One Tournament MVP
- Two First-Team National All-American
- One National All-American Honorable Mention
- Two broken school records

iOE

Beginning its sixth year, the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness (iOE) continues to partner with nonprofit organizations and their leadership teams to pursue performance excellence. Twenty-four CEOs, primarily serving the larger social service agencies in Allen County, have completed their iOE experience as members of the first two cohorts. Their program has included special workshops, organizational assessments, tailored projects and coaching. We plan to continue to build on the goodwill generated in the iOE cohorts over the past five years.

WBCL

The 30th anniversary of WBCL approches, and the ministry continues to expand, at home and abroad.

With the installation of a translator at 97.7 fm, WBCL's coverage now blankets Adrian, Mich., thanks to the generous donors who covered the cost of the entire project.

While many radio stations discontinued Internet streaming due to increasing royalty fees, the value of around-the-world ministry outweighed the cost. During this past year, over thirty countries have been reached worldwide.

Listeners provided 24,800 clothing items during the April Romanian Likewise Project.

Dr. David J. Gyertson

President 2000-2005

One of my personal core values is the belief that Christianity is a team sport—that God's work is done best when capable, committed individuals serve together as the body of Christ. All that has been achieved during these past five years is the harvest of a team of dedicated servant-leaders determined to see God's Kingdom and Christ's glory first. I am thankful for the exceptional people God brought alongside me. It has been an honor to be yoked with each of them in such important and productive work.

May the love of God, the peace of Christ and the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit be with you in this Great Commission mission. And may He continue to provide the resources, vision and courage to both communicate and demonstrate the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need through tough minds, tender hearts and hands outstretched in competent, compassionate service.

David J. Gyertson

alumni notes

keeping connected with friends

1931
Marian Derby died on April 5, 2005, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Marian served the Lord as a missionary and teacher in the U.S. and abroad. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, League of Women Voters, Common Cause and Lakewood United Methodist Church. She is survived by two brothers.

1937
Joseph Henry Kimbel died on Mar. 27, 2005. Over a number of years, Joe pastored four churches in the Midwest. He returned to Leisure World in 1982, where he was active in the arts and wood carving. Among his creations were oil paints, two full-sized carousel horses and a wooden mural. Surviving him is wife **Lovina x'40**, who resides in Laguna Hills, Calif.

1938
Dorothy (Weaver) Engstrom passed away on Jan. 28, 2005. Dorothy had been ill for over two years and went on to be with the Lord peacefully with daughter JoAnn and husband **Ted** at her bedside. Dorothy was a talented artist who possessed the gift of hospitality. She was a gracious and loving person.

1942
Lois Chandler enjoyed the fellowship of **Paulette (Witmer '72) Crider** when Paulette was in charge of the Garden Shop at the Super Wal-Mart in Carlisle, Pa. Paulette has since moved to Melbourne, Fla., and she is missed by Lois. • **Dr. Arnold Lewis** is a retired United Methodist minister in Elk Grove, Calif., who recently completed a two-year term of office as the chaplain general for the National Huguenot Society. His duties have taken him around the country, including several trips to Washington, D.C., where he conducted many services at the World War II Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

1943
Bonnie & Margaret (Brown x'46) Gould are celebrating 62 years of marriage in September. Bonnie had a slight stroke in March but is doing very well. • **Nelle (Leisman) Alspaugh Hodson** died in her home on July 28, 2005, following a brief illness. She lived much of her life in Upland, Ind., and Grant County. She taught in the Jefferson and Eastbrook school systems and continued to be active in TU alumni-related events. The expansion of Taylor's Hodson Dining Commons was named in her honor four years ago. She is survived by husband **Arthur Hodson x'34**, son **Michael Alspaugh '78** (wife **Carole [Akers '78]**), and grandsons **Shawn Alspaugh '02** and **Matthew Alspaugh '04**. She was preceded in death by first husband **James Alspaugh '39**.

1948
William "Rod" Abram has moved to Greenfield, Ind., where he is pastor at Westland Friends Church.

1950
Gordon Jensen died on May 31, 2005. He had lived in Upland, Ind., since 1970 where he worked at Taylor University in the alumni office and later pastored Jonesboro Presbyterian Church. He is survived by wife **Helen (Turner)**, son Mark Jensen and daughters Wendy Ortel and **Kari (Jensen x'85) Novick**.

1951
Robert & Barbara **Ott** have moved to a retirement home in Lewisburg, Pa.

1952
Jack Patton continues to paint watercolors and is enjoying life and the Lord. He resides in Orlando, Fla. E-mail is artideas@webtv.net.

1953
Wilma (Augsburger) Wischmeier taught piano students for 53 years following her graduation from Taylor and has been involved in the music ministries of her church and community. She & husband Roger have two children who are also active in the field of music.

Joe '55 & Rosie '55 Kerlin

1955
Joe & Rosie (Baugh) Kerlin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 12, 2005. They met while students at Taylor and became a team their sophomore year while serving as publicity co-chairmen for the 20th anniversary of Youth Conference. They have been a "team" ever since, impacting the lives of many youth. They have raised four daughters (**Dr. Becky Haak '78, Beth Toben '80**, Mary Ann Alexander and Dr. Lynn Paul) and have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Kerlins have provided a home for several TU grads while they attended medical school and graduate school and have introduced many HS students to Taylor, mentoring and encouraging them through their college years. Rosie thoroughly enjoyed her years serving Taylor on the Alumni Council and appreciates the continued opportunity to serve on the Taylor University Board of Trustees, where she begins her 22nd year. Joe has slowly been retiring from full-time medical practice but has continued with his interest in and concern for geriatric patients by providing medical and administrative services at three nursing homes. They would welcome notes from TU friends to commemorate this special event—160 Urban St, Danville, IN 46112. • **Mike & Lorena (Smith x'56) Murphy** are thankful that they were able to travel to Londrina, Brazil, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Shalom Community Church that they had the privilege of founding and serving. They currently reside in Fairview, Pa. • **Stanley & Connie (Ross) Reed** celebrated fifty years of marriage last summer. They have enjoyed many years of church ministry and service, as well as being teachers. They live in Temecula, Calif.

The Reed Family

1956
Mark Graham died on Aug. 29, 2003, following a short battle with a rare form of cancer. He served God as a faithful United Methodist pastor for over forty years, first in Indiana and since

1959 in Michigan. He is survived by wife **Jean (Schindler)** and three children.

1957

Dr. Kenn Gangel was presented the President's Medallion Award for service in Christian Higher Education during the fall commencement ceremony at Toccoa Falls College. He currently serves during summer months at Toccoa Falls as scholar-in-residence. Kenn & wife **Betty (Blackburn '58)** live in Toccoa, Ga.

Dr. Kenn '57 & Betty '58 Gangel

1958

Phyllis Engle continues as a missionary with Brethren in Christ World Missions in Zimbabwe. E-mail is phyllis@netconnect.co.zw.

1960

Don x & Norma (Richards '58) Toland have served with Wycliffe Bible Translators since 1970; from 1972-2001 they were in Papua, New Guinea, working among the Rausa and Karo people. They were able to give them a New Testament in their language and literacy materials. Don currently works in the Wycliffe Northeast Office in the stewardship ministries department.

1962

Dr. Irene (Barrett) Alyn has been promoted to distinguished professor of nursing at Cedarville Univ; she also serves as chair of the dept of nursing. • **Lois Clough** has retired from the classroom after 42 years—ten years in public school secondary music and 32 years in Christian schools as either ACE or Alpha-Omega supervisor. She's still tutoring and was honored in Who's Who in American Teachers in 1998. • **Art & Lois (Staub x'63) Deyo** reside in the Denver area where Art is a missionary to the Asia-Pacific Area for Youth for Christ Int'l. Lois is an educational therapist for students with learning disabilities.

1963

David Dunkerton has served as senior pastor of Community Bible Church in Yorktown, N.Y., for the past 12 years. • **Virginia (Doctor) Blackwell Roe** lives in Wheaton, Ill., with her husband David. An avid gardener, Virginia has developed and marketed an innovative garden design tool used to select perennial plants and shrubs for a landscape design. E-mail is vblackwell@mindspring.com.

1964

Dale Lantz recently retired as chaplain with Delaware Hospice after 11 ½ years; he will continue to offer spiritual guidance through the Creative Spirit Wellness Center with wife Martha. The couple lives in Wilmington, Del.

1965

These Taylor alumni are pictured in Pristina, Kosovo, in 2004 with Youth with a Mission. Pictured left to right are **Dr. John & Harriet (Smith) Askew; Jim & Kelly (Fonfara '99) Baugh** with their children Haddie and Gideon; **Matt '98 & Rachael (Burtness '99) Piercey** with J. Aidan; **Rebekah Burtness '03, Mark Burtness '06** and **John Burtness '06**. • **Dan x & Sara (Guynn) Darby** retired in 2000, Sara from kindergarten teaching and Dan from hospital administration. They have joined SEND International, living full-time in Hong Kong, China, since 2004. They would love to hear from TU folks. E-mail is drdarby@aol.com.

Alumni in Kosovo

1967

David Bowermeister is now retired and lives in Hilliard, Ohio, where he has several piano students and works for the Columbus Zoo.

1968

In 1994, after a 16-year career as a full-time church musician, **Leslie Bartlett** began a career in piano technology while continuing part-time with church music. He has tuned for numerous recording artists, Houston Symphony, Conroe Symphony and regularly services pianos for schools and churches. Les recently completed Yamaha's corporate school for concert technicians. He & wife Sandy live in Houston, Texas. E-mail is l-bartlett@sbcglobal. • **Roy Flanary** was inducted into the Indiana High School Tennis Hall of Fame on Feb. 25, 2005. • **David Rotman** has been promoted to professor of management information systems at Cedarville Univ. He resides in Cedarville, Ohio.

1969

Charles "Chip" Jaggers has been appointed executive director of development at Ball State Univ where he has served as associate executive director since 1999. • **Robert & Coleen (Myers x'70) Midwood** have retired from the business world and are serving the Lord with IMB for the next three years in Chiang Mai, Thailand, as volunteer coordinator administrators for South Asia. They would love to hear from their TU friends. E-mail is twotravel.bc@att.net. • **Gene & Cheryl (Ayers) Toombs** are serving under United World Mission in partnership with SIM in Ethnic Focus Ministry, Charlotte, N.C.

1970

Dale & Mary (Littrell '71) Bales reside in Mechanicsburg, Ind. Dale continues teaching chemistry and physics at Anderson Univ and also pastors a small church. • **Ron & Gretchen (Mooney '71) Bruno** mourn the loss of their son Andy (28) who was killed in a non-military aerobatic airplane accident on Feb. 12, 2005, in Meridian, Miss., where he was in fighter pilot training with U.S. Marine Corps. He is survived by wife Holly and two young daughters. • **Dr. Thomas Klipstine** is assistant professor at Univ of South Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communication. He resides in Columbia, S.C. • **Ken** & Gail **Soper** live in Caledonia, Mich., where Ken is principal at Soper Taber Group. E-mail is ken@kensoper.com.

1971

Sally (Heywood) Zehnal recently retired after 32 years as a medical technologist at Hillcrest Hospital in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. She is now a licensed insurance agent with American Family Insurance at her son Christopher's agency. She lives in Hudson, Ohio. E-mail is dzehn@aol.com.

1973

Dan & Debbie **Donigan** reside in Orland Park, Ill. E-mail is djdonigan@comcast.net. • **Carol (Olson) Wright** and Tom Langley have married and live in Glendale, Ariz. E-mail is colsonlangley@cox.net.

1974

Chuck & Bonnie (Ballowe '73) Hess reside in Brandon, Fla. Bonnie is head volleyball coach at Bloomingdale HS where she has been teaching and coaching for 31 years. Chuck gave up his printing business and joined the ranks of teaching at Bowers-Whitley Career Center. Chuck's 1967 "ahead of it's

New look, same books

On May 11, 2005, the Taylor Bookstore celebrated the completion of a major renovation with an open house. The 2,500 square foot area received new flooring (carpet and wood), new slatwall, ceiling tiles, shelving, office furniture and greeting card displays. The check-out area is now located on the south wall, which opened up the entrance area. "The new look provides a much warmer and inviting shopping experience," said bookstore manager Richard Ehresman. The Bookstore, which remained open every day during the four weeks of remodeling, contributes over $100,000 in revenue annually to the University budget.

time" Christian rock album has recently been re-released by Gear Fab Records under Jonathan & Charles "Another Week to Go." • **Curt Knorr** celebrated 18 years at Ronald Blue & Co. in Atlanta, Ga., where he serves as director of investment research. Curt and wife Nancy have two children, Andy (18) and Katie (17). • **Duane** & Cindy **Meade** reside in Normal, Ill., and are enjoying their two grandchildren. • **David Young** has completed his 24th year as senior pastor of the Westfield Evangelical Free Church in Westfield, Mass., where he lives with wife Lisa and three teenage daughters. E-mail is davidkyoung@verizon.net.

1975

Barry Moore is the new VP of advancement and university relations at Liberty Univ in Lynchburg, Va. E-mail is bnmoore@liberty.edu. • **Claudia (Wellen) Ruch** married John Bowen on April 30, 2005. They live in Arlington Heights, Ill. E-mail is cbowen@davix.com.

1976

Steve & Karen (Gilbride) Anderson reside in Franklin, Tenn. Karen is currently director of special projects with Regnery Publishing. E-mail is ksatn2@hotmail.com. • **Carol (Jernberg) Franson** enjoys her role in human resources at Hewitt Associates and is active as outreach chair at Libertyville Covenant Church. Her daughter Jen entered Taylor's master of environmental science program this fall. Carol would love to hear from her TU friends! E-mail is cfran3669@sbcglobal.net. • Gary & **Beth (Amber) Hoffman** became foster parents in 2001. In 2003 they adopted Sarah (5) and in 2004 adopted Johnny (2). Beth is retired from her accounting career while Gary is principal of a public middle school and a lay pastor at a small church. The family resides in Medford, N.J.

The Hoffman Family

1977

Susan (Cole) Bower was in the process of adopting when doctors discovered cancer. She continues to teach 5th grade science and the Gifted Program at Newport Elementary while taking chemotherapy. Susan lives in Newport, Pa. • **Brad & Gail (Verch) Pontius** reside in Bloomington, Ind., where Brad is missions minister at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church and Gail is a faculty instructor at Indiana Univ in TESOL. Son Joel is a senior at Indiana Univ majoring in recreation and resource management. Son Jesse (18), who is a recipient of the Lilly Endowment Scholarship, is attending Purdue Univ this fall. • **Stephen x** & Patsy **Smithley** reside in Indianapolis, Ind., where Stephen is VP for First National Bank and Trust. E-mail is stephensmithley@comcast.net. • **Phyllis Vance** was recently inducted into the Indiana HS Softball Hall of Fame. Phyllis started the Huntington North softball program in 1985 and finished her career with over 200 wins and never a losing season. She was a member of the first TU softball team and was a four-year MVP winner. She continues to teach physical education and health at Huntington North HS. • **Joan (Miller) Wooley** and husband Robert live in Deming, N.M., with her children Rachel (20), Peter (18) and Abigail (14). Joan has worked for the State of N.M. Human Services Dept as a caseworker for the past 11 years.

1978

Karel Dunlap is working for the Illinois Dept of Children and Family Services as a child protection advanced specialist. • **Michael Hayden** lives in Troy, Mich., with wife Susan and sons Miles (16) and Reece (5). • Walter & **Margaret (Hitchcock) Knight** reside in DeLand, Fla., where Walter serves as pastor of the DeLand Wesleyan Church. Children are **Brandon '08, Kyle '07**, Victoria (16), Ryan (15) and Justin (11). E-mail is dellamargaret@hotmail.com. • **David** & Donna **Shaver** have returned to Oaxaca, Mexico, where David has a new job as principal of Oaxaca Christian School and Donna is working in the Wycliffe office doing member care. E-mail is shaverclan@aol.com.

1979

In October 2004, **Shirley (Pritchett) Hill Gustafson** received the Breaking the Mold Award from Chicago Women in Cable & Telecommunications honoring leaders in the cable TV industry. She was chosen for the award because of her dedication to the cable industry

Shirley (Pritchett '79) Hill Gustafson

for more than twenty years working in positions at ESPN, Fox Family Channel, The Christian Broadcasting Network and Total Living Network. She is currently the national director of cable relations and account management for Total Living Network. • Bill & **Robin (Lincoln) Nichols** have moved to 4023 Laura Ct., Ames, IA 50010. Children are Ian (14) and Hannah (11). • **Doreen (Korfmacher) Petrovitch** enjoyed seeing so many friends at her 25th reunion and would like to thank all who called, wrote or e-mailed during her recent illness. "I'm feeling fine and regaining strength (and growing hair!). I thank God for each prayer on my behalf." Husband Dale and sons Daniel (10) and Sam (7) were a great

inspiration and help. E-mail is korfone@comcast.net. • **Lt. Cdr. R. Duane Purser**, CHCUSN retired from the U.S. Navy July 30, 2005, after twenty years of faithful service. He hiked the Appalachian Trail to raise money for the Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention Program. • Michael & **Cindy Smith** live in Oshkosh, Wis., with children Alyssa (20), Adam (17) and Anca (15, who they adopted from Romania in 1998). Cindy is a reading specialist and reading recovery teacher, and Michael is senior pastor at River Valley Church. They would love to hear from any TU friends! E-mail is smtfm5@msn.com.

1981

Fred & **Ruth (Gualtieri) Geary** live in Holland, Mich., with children Jenna (12), Rachel (11) and Daniel (8). Ruth teaches reading and language arts at Vanderbilt Charter Academy. E-mail is rgeary@bignet.net. • **Coleen (Kloboucnik) Jeffries** lives in Brooklyn, Ind., with her daughter Crystal (17). Coleen works at Ortho Indy as facility patient accounts representative. • **John Moser** is the pastor of Faith Missionary Church in Weeping Water, Neb. E-mail is pastorjpmoser@yahoo.com. • Frank & **Linda (Goldman) Overton** were blessed with the long-awaited arrival of Eva Lavanda on Aug. 9, 2004. The family resides in the San Francisco Bay Area. Linda is an administrative judge with the Equal Employment Opportunity

The Overton Family

Commission, and Frank is in sales. E-mail is judgelinda10@aol.com.

1982

Patricia (Walker) Franklin went to be with the Lord on Nov. 7, 2004, after a battle with cancer. She was grateful she was able to homeschool her children and to spend so many precious years together. She was a member of Centerville Community Church and Parents Educating at Christian Homes (PEACH). Patricia is survived by husband Randal and sons Joseph (13) and Samuel (11) who live in Xenia, Ohio. • **Dwight** & Susan **Funk** reside in Muncie, Ind., with children Diana (18), Beverly (16) and Cassandra (14). Dwight is a software architect for Powerway, Inc. E-mail is defunk@comcast.net. • Robert & **Nancy (Gerent) Markovich** live in Sheffield, Ohio, where Robert is VP and divisional sales manager for AIG Sun America.

The Markovich Family

Children are Luke (16), Caleb (14), Lydia (12), Zach (8) and Madelaine (5). • **Byron x & Cindy (Griffin) Mossburg** welcome Hannah Grace born Jan. 4, 2005; she joins siblings Caleb (16), Aaron (15), Rachel (14), Jacob (12), Jared (10), Ben (9), Sam (6) and Isaiah (5). The older Mossburg children will be performing their violin music during Taylor's Parents Weekend Oct. 28, 2005. The family resides in Uniondale, Ind.

1983

Jayne Freese resides at 604 E 3rd St S, Newton, IA 50208. • **Clint & Dawn (Laibly x'84) Holden** have moved to Winter Springs, Fla., where Clint is a high school principal and Dawn is enjoying being a football mom and taxi driver. Sons are Kelly (15), Hobie (14) and Skyler (14). E-mail is chmconsult@msn.com. • **Greg & Teresa (Sheffler '84) Holz** reside in Arlington Heights, Ill., where Greg works in sales for an audiovisual company at the Westin O'Hare Hotel and Teresa provides daycare in their home. Daughters are Kaitlyn (15) and Kristin (13). E-mail is greatsk8@aol.com. • **Mike Leburg** went into surgery for minor cartilage repair in his shoulder and came out with four different major repairs. He is now doing well. E-mail is mleburg@nccumc.org. • **Lisa (LaBold) MacDonald** has recently accepted the role of VP of operations, Eastern Division with Auxilio Inc. Lisa, husband **Paul x'78** and daughters Stephanie (10), Lauren (8) and Brooke (6) reside in Collegeville, Pa. E-mail is lkmacdonald262@comcast.net. • **Gregory** & Elizabeth **Mathews'** children are Janel (11), Justin (10), Joel (8), Jason (6) and Janessa. The family lives in Pickerington, Ohio. • Raphael & **C.J. (Johnson) McAbee-Reher** reside in Marion, Ind., and love being in the Midwest again. Children are Jennifer (6) and Emma (1). E-mail is ceejay@pobox.com. • **Matt & Bobbie (Bailey '94) Young**, along with Joe (5) and Ellie (3), celebrated the arrival of Erin Lee on Feb. 12, 2004. The family lives in Bellefontaine, Ohio, where Matt teaches fourth grade and Bobbie

The Young Family

is a homemaker. E-mail is mbjeeyoung@earthlink.net.

1984

Tom & Julie **Boehr** & daughter Ashley (3) reside in Lowell, Mich. Tom works for Alticor, Inc. as a manager in international HR. E-mail is tom.boehr@alticor.com. • **Randy & Nancy (Erickson) Brannen** live at 18363 SW 135th Ter, Tualatin, OR 97062. Nancy is a middle school aide at the Christian school where son Mitchell (10) attends; daughter Megan is 18. Randy works for the Total Filtration Services division of Clarcor, Inc., where he manages the Portland, Ore., and Sacramento, Calif., branches. E-mail is branfam@eschelon.com. • **Laurie (Jobes) Flynn** married Dennis Daley after her husband David Flynn passed away unexpectedly in 2003. She now has four children, Angela Flynn (11), Kayla Flynn (6), Brandon Daley (18) and Travis Daley (14). • **Janice (Shipley) Gurganus** went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 20, 2005, after a courageous battle with cancer. She died in her Hampton, Va., home surrounded by her family. Jan was a devoted wife and mother who loved people and animals. She was an EMT cardiac technician and a firefighter. She is survived by her husband Ernie and sons Kade (16), Alex (14) and Nathan (14). • **Glenn** & Melanie **Harsch** traveled to China to pick up their adopted daughter Nena (1); they are extremely excited to have her in their lives. The family resides in Wake Forest, N.C., where Glenn is clinical director at Telecare Corp. E-mail is glennharsc@telecarecorp.com. • Four alumni worked together for over a year at Shelterwood, a residential treatment center that is part of Doulos Ministries in Colorado. **Lisa (Patty) Jones** is a counselor at Shelterwood; **Kiki (Thalacker) Burnfield**

Co-workers in Colorado

was the school administrator and husband Brad taught math and was school principal; and **Desi Stutzman** has been part of the LeadTime program and volunteered as a residential Big Sister to the teens living at Shelterwood. She has recently accepted a position as Girl's House director. The Burnfields have left Shelterwood to be missionaries in Kigali, Rwanda, with Youth for Christ. E-mail address is BurnfieldsInRwanda@hotmail.com. Desi can be reached at desi_stutzman@hotmail.com, and Lisa can be reached at ljones@douloscorp.com. Lisa lives in Northglenn, Colo. • **Mark Vander Veen** has relocated to the Baltimore, Md., area where he works for Wachovia Securities as VP of investments. E-mail is m_vander_veen@hotmail.com. • **Dan** & Sherry **Waller** reside in Jensen Beach, Fla., with children Danielle (13) and Savannah (12). Dan is president of EMT Lighting, Inc. E-mail is gdanwaller@aol.com.

1985

Glenn & **Sandy (Higerd) Curran** live in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., with their children Kelsey (14) and Kyle (13). They have homeschooled for the past five years. E-mail is sandycurran@bellsouth.net. • Paul & **Lisa (Symon) Duckworth** live in Holland, Mich., with children Ryan (17), Caleb (14), Shannon (12) and J.D. (10). Lisa has enjoyed homeschooling their children for the past 11 years. • **Randal & Rebecca (Jones '88) Fouts** reside in Mahamet, Ill., with children Andrew (14) and Brenna (11). Randy works for Sports Publishing and Becky teaches at Judah Christian School. They have a new video production business, Ambassador Video. E-mails are rfouts@sportspublishingllc.com and foutsr@judah.org. • Mark & **Jenny (Miller) Leitnaker** have moved to Mark's family farm in Baltimore, Ohio, where their construction company is based. Jenny is home with children Jake (13), Sarah (11) and Rachael (6), after a career in bank operations management. She keeps busy with school and community activities. E-mail is cleitnaker@greenapple.com. • **David & Heather (Cobb x'87) Lutz** are the proud parents of Abigail born Nov. 13, 2004; she joins siblings T.J. (15), Nathan (14), Christopher (12) and Merren (10). The family lives in Long Lake, Minn., where David continues to work for General Mills as director of sourcing. E-mail is tom.lutz@genmills.com.

1986

Alumni in Colorado

C. Dean & Alicyn (Jacobus) Amann reside in Castle Rock, Colo., with children Ashlee (12), Tyler (9), Emmajean (6) and Luke (2). Recently these friends gathered with 15 other Taylor alumni to celebrate K.C. Carlsen's 40th birthday. Pictured from L to R are **K.C. Carlsen, Amy Bixel, Alicyn Amann** and **Ed Carlsen '89**. • **Kimberly (Mounsey) Powell** moved with her sons Justin (11), Connor (9) and Spencer (6) to Carmel, Ind., where she is curriculum secretary for Carmel Clay Schools. E-mail is kjpowell_2000@yahoo.com. • **Don** & Karen **Sauer** live in Bradenton, Fla., with children Hayden (13) and Raegan (10). Don is technology specialist/network supervisor at Lakewood Ranch HS. E-mail is dsauer@tampabay.rr.com. • **James Wolff** has moved from Upland, Ind., to Raleigh, N.C., and loves the weather change — "no more horizontal rain!" James is Oracle database administrator at N.C. Central Univ. E-mail is jwwolff@earthlink.net.

1987

Tom Archbald and his wife Theresa Keilman would like to announce the birth of son David James on Dec. 26, 2003. Siblings Connor (7) and Stephanie (4) love to entertain "the little guy." • **Kenneth Browner** was appointed head track coach at Lawrence North HS in Indianapolis, Ind., where he has worked for the past 15 years as a teacher and coach. E-mail is kennethbrowner@msdlt.k12.in.us. • **Peter Buhrow** married Gretchen Penrod on June 11, 2005. The couple lives in Strongsville, Ohio. E-mail is pjbuhrow@wowway.com. • **Chris & Teresa (Swanson '89) Meredith** enjoy spending time with children Joshua (13), Taylor (12), Justin (8) and Sarah (5). The family lives in Shelbyville, Ind. E-mail is tmeredith@lightbound.com. • **Kent & Darla (Griffith) Nelson** reside in Parker, Colo., where Kent is an auto broker with HM Brown & Associates. Children are Katy (9) and Zach (7). E-mail is knelson@hmbrown.com.

1988

Todd & Kristen **Hoatson** celebrate the birth of Keri Joanna on June 7, 2005. The family lives in Jakarta, Indonesia, where Todd and Kristen work for Wycliffe Intl. They are entering their second year helping provide linguistic training for Indonesians hoping to enter field service in community development, literacy and translation.• Michael & **Lisa (Miller) Marshall** reside in Uniontown, Ohio, with son Mason (6). Lisa is the urban ministries director at The Chapel. E-mail is lisa.marshall@the-chapel.org. • **Kirby Tipple** was named the 2004-05 Arcanum-Butler District Teacher of the Year and the 2004-05 Darke County Ohio Teacher of the Year. E-mail is kirby.tipple@gmail.com.

1989

Todd Mitchell (formerly Yeager) earned his doctor of medicine degree from the Univ of Illinois and is working at Ball Memorial as a physician/intern. Todd & wife Mardi live in Fishers, Ind., with children Chad (14) and Molli (7). E-mail is wheefour@sbcglobal.net. • Brett & **Shari (Ehresman) Nelson** are happy to announce the birth of Kate Emma on Nov. 30, 2004. The family lives in Lowell, Mich. • After 15 years as a youth pastor, **Rex Stump** is now works with Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Northwest Ohio. Rex & Jenny have three children: Collin (8), Carter (6) and Clay (2). E-mail is rstump@fca.org.

1990

Trenton & **Holly (Seaman) Boggs** reside in Ft. Wayne, Ind., with children Chandler (9), Amber (4) and Jagger (1). Holly is a United flight attendant. E-mail is marathonboggs@aol.com. • **Mike** & Keri **Hamsher** have moved to Orrville, Ohio, where Mike is director at Kinetics Fitness for Life. Their children are Shadra (4), Sierra (3) and Ainsley (1).• Mack & **Amanda (Quandt) Overton** live in Indianapolis, Ind., with children Abigail (11) and Willis (8). Amanda has been involved in Bible Study Fellowship for several years and loves serving as a children's leader. • **Steve & Christa (Ittzes '92) Upton** joyfully announce the birth of Sarah Nicole on April 21, 2005; she joins Alyssa (3) and Nathan (7). The family lives in Logansport, Ind., where Steve is worship director at Cross-Wind UMC, while Christa homeschools and teaches piano lessons. E-mail is steveandchrista@comcast.net.

1991

Joel & Tammy (Gerstung FW'92) Brown are living in

The Brown Family

DeWitt, Mich., with children Haley (8), Savannah (6), Joelle (5), Samuel (2), Isaac (1), Gracie (3) and Ramon (10). Tammy works for the Dept of Human Services in Children Protective Services. E-mail is joeltammyx7@yahoo.com. • **Kevin & Tanya (Yessayan '90) Doss** welcomed Caden Alexander into their family on June 7, 2004. They live in Avon, Ohio. • **Bill Fowler** received a master of fine arts degree in creative writing from Ohio State Univ. He lives in Columbus, Ohio. E-mail is billfowler@wowway.com. • **Lisa Fuller** married Charles Tripp on July

Charles & Lisa (Fuller '91) Tripp

17, 2004. They were married in Akron, Ohio, in the presence of family and friends. Lisa & Charles are both teachers and reside in Barberton, Ohio. E-mail is teacherfuller@yahoo.com. • **Rebecca (Hubbard) Maniglia** received the Univ of Ill Dept of Criminal Justice Mike Maltz Outstanding Graduate Student Award for 2004-2005. • **Michael & Christine (La Rue '92) Mortensen** have joined World Partners USA where Michael will serve as the volunteer service coordinator. He will promote, recruit, organize, equip and mobilize short-term volunteers throughout the U.S. to serve on medical, ministry, work and prayer mission teams internationally. Christine will continue to serve as mom to their children Ashlyn (10), Alli Rose (6), Anna Grace (5), David (3) and Jae Beom Koh (17), their foreign student son. The family will continue to live in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where Michael is also on staff at Harvester Missionary Church. E-mail is mcmortens@worldpartnersusa.com. • Brian & **Julie (Heath) Vander Ark** announce the arrival of Heath Kent on Jan. 11, 2005; he joins Lydia (3), Lily (2) and Jenna (2). The family lives in Palatine, Ill. E-mail is jvanderark@comcast.net. • Chris & **Cathy (Johannides) Vaughn** reside in Louisville, Ky., where Cathy is a staff claim service adjuster for Allstate Insurance. E-mail is cathyvaughn@insightbb.com. • **Mark** & Leslie **Winteregg** have three children: Luke (6), Lauren (5) and Matthew (2). They reside in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where Mark has his own chiropractic office.

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Josh & **Heather (Myers) Day** welcomed Ashlynn Rebekah into their family on July 5, 2004; she joins Isaac (5) and Elijah (3). The family lives in Indianapolis, Ind. • **Andreas** & Bethsheba **Eicher** have moved to a flat next to the centre where they work helping people with HIV/AIDS through home-based care. They continue to minister in India. E-mail is andisheba@yahoo.co.in. • **Paul** & Shelley **Lugauer** are the proud parents of Luke Wolfgang born on May 12, 2005; he joins Bethany (2). Paul is now working for Chefs Catalog in Colorado Springs, Colo., doing e-commerce. • Mike & **Tracy (Tobey) Manning** live in Marion, Ind., with children Tobey (7), Eleana (4) and Rachel (2). • Jonathan & **Robin (Vergoz) Montgomery** adopted Noppawin "Win" Arthur (2) who returned with them from their six-year stay in Bangkok, Thailand. The family lives in Savannah, Ga. E-mail is robinmont@bellsouth.net. • **John** & Amy **Nichols**, along with Jacob (5) and Anna (3), have moved from the Chicago area to Manchester, Conn., where John is associate pastor at New River Community Church. Friends from Taylor are always welcome! • **Todd** & Melissa **Pinder** reside in The Bahamas where Todd is a medical doctor. Children are Ethan (6) and Nicholas (4).

Taylor fares well in survey

Taylor has received a third-place ranking in the Midwest region of Comprehensive Colleges-Bachelors in the newest *U.S.News and World Report* survey, America's Best Colleges. The ranking marks Taylor's eighth straight top-three finish and the seventeenth time for the Upland campus to receive a high placement in the survey.

St. Mary's College (Ind.) and Calvin College (Mich.) finished first and second while St. Norbert College (Wis.) was fourth, and Ohio Northern University (Ohio) finished fifth.

"These results reflect on the continued commitment to excellence and the good efforts of the entire Taylor community. Praise the Lord for His continued faithfulness," said President Eugene Habecker.

Among criteria determining the ranking, Taylor's average graduation rate of 78 percent scored well nationally; its freshman retention rate (89 percent) and alumni giving rate (39 percent) were also among the highest in the Midwest. Taylor also placed well in the percentage of full-time faculty (88 percent) and freshman students from the upper 25 percent of their respective classes (69 percent).

—James Garringer

E-mail is pinders@coralwave.com. • **Neil** & Jill **Propst** have moved to Amarillo, Texas, where Neil is working at the VA Medical Center as physician in ambulatory care. Children are Kaylee (6), Samuel (4), Caleb (3) and Elise (1). E-mail is njpropst@fsvmail.net. • Chris & **Ailsa (Berzon) Pujol** reside in Keller, Texas, with children Noah (6) and Will (3). Ailsa teaches piano lessons. E-mail is tayloru92@msn.com. • Todd & **Anne Marie (Sarkela) Watne** joyfully announce the birth of Cole Christian on April 19, 2004; he joins Sofia (3) and Annalisa (5). • **Jay Weitekamp** has accepted the position as pastor of evangelism and discipleship at First Alliance Church, Lexington, Ky. • **Jon & Jill (Kooistra) Wilcox** have moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., where Jon is director of retail sales for Waterbrook Press, the Christian division of Random House.

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Robert & **Debbie (Golden) Elder** proudly announce the birth of son Nathaniel on Nov. 7, 2004. The family resides in Atlanta, Ga. E-mail is dlelder@yahoo.com. • **Luke** & Sandy **Engler** live in Brown City, Mich., where Luke teaches at Peck Community Schools. Daughters are Emma (3) and Leah (2). • **Steve Frykholm** married Samantha Harting on Dec. 18, 2004, in Winnetka, Ill. Steve completed his MDiv at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in May. They look forward to doing mission work in the U.S. Virgin Islands in October. They currently reside in Highland Park, Ill., and would love to hear from TU friends. E-mail is sfrykholm@aol.com. • **Nathan Herring** is a clinical counselor and coordinator of disability services at Indiana Wesleyan Univ. E-mail is nathan.herring@indwes.edu. • Ryan & **Heather (Stouffer) Hunsberger** welcomed Ian James into their family on Nov. 2, 2004; he joins brother Luke. The family resides in Wabash, Ind. E-mail is rhlhuns@northerntrail.net. • **Kristin (Rosema) Marquell** has been named 2005 Indiana Mother of Young Children by the Indiana affiliate of a national, interfaith, non-profit mothers' organization, American Mothers, Inc. Kristen & husband Phil live in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where Phil is a project manager for Rosema Construction. Children are Kaitlyn (12), James (2) and Leah (1). • **Andy & Kacey (King '94) Moehn** are the proud parents of Noah born June 7, 2005; he joins Justin (2). The family lives in Perrysburg, Ohio, where Andy is the senior pastor at Stonebridge Presbyterian Church. E-mail is pastor.andy@sbcglobal.net. • Eric & **Lisa (Peterson) Sandberg**

The Sandberg Family

joyfully announce the birth of Anna Lynn on March 29, 2005; she joins brothers Ethan (7) and Trevor (4). The Sandbergs direct Manow Ministries in Sturgis, Mich., a place of renewal and rest for people in ministry. E-mail is sandbergs@myfam.com. • **Tim & Beth (Brix) Popadic** reside in Monroe, Conn., along with sons Landon (8), Graham (5) and Camden (2). Tim is the pastor of spiritual development at Black Rock Church as well as a marriage and family therapist. E-mail is tpopadic@brcc.org.

The Berrier Family

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Brian & **Christi (Deetjen) Berrier** are rejoicing the birth of Elisabeth Lynn on May 21, 2005; she joins Caleb (3) and Ethan (2). They family resides in Grandville, Mich. • **Brent** & Shannon **Holbert** announce the arrival of Molly Azalea on April 6, 2005. Brent is the CFO at Fahlgren, Inc. The family lives in Albany, Ohio. E-mail is brent.holbert@fahlgren.com. • **Rich** & Marta **Rader** live in Manchester, Conn., where they both work for the Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters; Rich is youth ministries coordinator and Marta is a payroll accountant. Rich would love to hear from his TU friends! E-mail is rich@radermail.net. • **Rob & Julie (Boseker) Sager** have moved to Estero, Fla., where Rob is director of finance for Cornerstone Properties of Southwest Florida. Julie is

The Sager Family

homeschooling Jenna (4) and Kailyn (2). They would love to hear from TU friends. E-mail is rsager@swfla.rr.com. • **Tim & Melodie (Ringenberg '96) Smith** reside in Fishers, Ind., with children Zack (3) and Gabe (1). E-mail is melstims1@netzero.com.

The Smith Family

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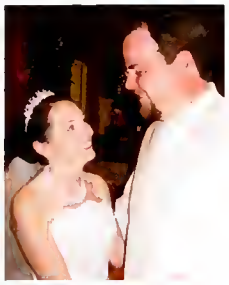
Eric Anderson is associate dean of residence life at Northwestern College. He & wife Carrie, married July 9, 2005, live in Orange City, Iowa. • Chad & **Lindy (Teerman) Boss** live in Holland, Mich., where Chad continues to work for Herman Miller and Lindy is homeschooling children Emma (6), Ben (4) and Grace (1). • Brian & **Erika (Kiefer) Check** welcomed Anna Elizabeth into their family on Aug. 2, 2003; sister Emily is 4. The family lives in Wheeling, Ill. E-mail is ebcheck@yahoo.com. • **Eric Haar** works for Congressman Jim Ryan and lives in Lawrence, Kan. E-mail is ehaar@juno.com. • **Jason & Catha (Cofield '94) Huff** & Jackson (2) have moved to Wilmore, Ky., where Jason is pursuing his MDiv from Asbury Seminary. They

The Huff Family

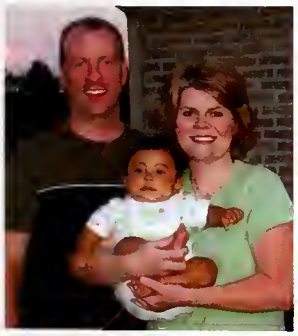
would love to connect with other Taylor alumni in the area. • **Jake** & Erin **Jelinek** welcomed daughter Dyllon Grace on Aug. 9, 2004. The family has moved back to Winston-Salem, N.C., where Jake is a commercial loan origination specialist with Collateral Mortgage Capital. He has also been admitted to the N.C. state bar. E-mail is welcome at jjelinek@collateral.com. • **Mark** & Kristi **Reed** reside in West Hartford, Conn., where Mark is assistant pastor at Christ Community Presbyterian Church and campus minister at Trinity College. Their son Walker is 2. E-mail is mreed@ruf.org. • **Brian & Jennifer (Hansen '96) Rickert** are pleased to announce the birth of Caden Joel on Sept. 2, 2004; he joins sisters Brianna (6) and Abigail (4). The

family has moved to 1721 Afton Forest Ct., Willow Springs, N.C. 27592. They would love to hear from their TU friends! • **Lori Savage** married Steven Harris, and they reside in Jeffersonville, Ind., where Lori is an RN at Clark Memorial Hospital. Lori completed her master's degree in



Steven & Lori (Savage '95) Harris

public administration from the Univ of Louisville and registered nurse associate degree from Jefferson Community College. E-mail is lorisavage@prodigy.net. • **Spencer** & Annie **Smith** welcomed Simon Luke into their family on Sept. 18, 2004; he joins Thaddaeus (2). The family lives in Bloomington, Ind. E-mail is spencer.smith@insightbb.com. • **Jim** & Shara **Swift** joyfully announce the adoption of son Anthony James. Tony was born



The Swift Family

on Sept. 8, 2004, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and was welcomed home in May 2005. The family lives in Ft. Wayne, Ind. • **Aaron Von Behren** married Amy Byrd on May 8, 2004. The couple resides in Fremont, Neb., where Aaron works as a K-9 police officer. Aaron received his master's in public administration from Univ of Neb in May.

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David & Kristin (Mizell) Anderson have moved to Springfield, Mo. Dave completed his urology residency in June at the Univ of Iowa, and he is now joining a urology practice. Their children are Hailey (4) and Ainsley (1). E-mail is dkhaanderson@yahoo.com. • Jeremy & **Beth (Tippett) Barr** live in Botswana, Africa, where Beth is a project coordinator with Baylor Intl Pediatric AIDS Initiative, working at a children's HIV clinic. She is finishing her PhD in public health from the Univ of Texas. Children are Claire (6) and Brianna (5). E-mail is waulendo@hotmail.com. • **Kevin & Kristin (Lee) Book** reside in Troy, Ohio, with children Micah (4) and Jeremy (2). • **Justin x & Krista (McHolm) Burdine** are the proud parents of Jesse born on May 22, 2005; he joins sister Maren (3). The family recently moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, with about sixty other people from their home church to support a church plant called K2. The church is designed to reach out to those who have been put off by previous church experiences. E-mail is krista@cyburdine.com. • **Jonathan & Juli (Perzee '97) Dimos** joyfully announce the birth of Mercedes Keet on Nov. 18, 2004; she joins Lucia (2). The family resides in St. Paul, Minn. E-mail is julzink@hotmail.com. • **Suzie (Sheetz) Dodds** praises the Lord that her husband Mike has safely returned after serving a year in Kandahar, Afghanistan, with the Indiana National Guard. • **Dave x & Becky (Long x) Helsby** welcomed Megan Moriah on May 1, 2005; she joins Hannah (8), Jacob (6), Carter (4) and Lauren (2). The family is moving to Tanzania, Africa, to help run an orphanage. E-mail is helsby@juno.com. • **Rebecca Henderson** works at Grace Community Church in Tyler, Texas, as student ministries girls' director. E-mail is tsmlt@hotmail.com. • **Michael Hollar** is living in Paris, France, where he works for Thomson, Inc., as a global manager. E-mail is michaelhollar@mac.com. • Jesse & **Danielle (Jarrett) Holt** joyfully announce the birth of Ezra Powell on Feb. 8, 2005; he joins Elijah (2). The family lives in Conneticut where Jesse works for UTC as an aerospace engineer and Danielle enjoys being home with the boys. E-mail is j.dholt@sbcglobal.net. • **Todd & Rose (Cross '94) Horton** are the proud parents of Abigail Hadassah Rose born Oct. 13, 2004; she joins Josiah (2). The family lives in Brentwood, Tenn. • Brad & **Shelly (Heatwole) Kirkendall** announce the birth of Connor Jay on April 7, 2005. Brother Braden is 2. The family lives in Indianapolis, Ind. E-mail is slkirkendall@comcast.net. • **Mark & Keri (Quick '97) Kornelsen** welcomed Emily Grace into their family on April 15, 2004. Mark is a software developer for Allegient, LLC, and Keri is a stay-at-home mom. The family resides in Fishers, Ind. E-mail is kornelsens@juno.com. • **David & Tricia (Hopp '98) Morgan** announce the birth of Skyla Rae on Dec. 22, 2004; she joins Benjamin (4) and Carter (2). The Morgans live in Highlands Ranch, Colo. E-mail is triciamorgan@comcast.net. • **Sara Oyer** married Lee Hall on June 26, 2004. Parents of the bride are **Russ '60 & Nancy (Liechty '61) Oyer**. TU participants included **Ruth**

Lee & Sara (Oyer '96) Hall

(Semonian) Vetter, Kim Cahill and **Stacy (Garlinger '94) Broyles**. The couple lives in Portland, Ore., where Lee is a team leader for Precision

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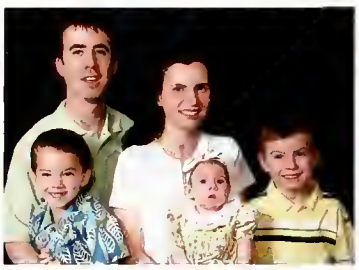
Castparts and Sara is a part-time faculty member at Clackamas Community College. E-mail is sjo1972@hotmail.com. • **Andrew Plaster** has moved to 809 Terrace Dr, Apt 1, Warsaw, IN 46590. He has worked as a QMRP assisting individuals with disabilities for the past nine years. He would love to hear from his TU friends. E-mail is andyplaster@hotmail.com. • Richard & **Sara (Shelley) Sorrell** joyfully announce the birth of Ashlyn Jeanae on Dec. 10, 2004. Big brothers are Caleb (5) and Antonin (3). The family



The Sorrell Family

has moved to Belleville, Ill., where Richard works in the accounting dept at the St. Louis Post Office and Sara is busy with the children at home. E-mail is rnssorrell@juno.com. • David & **Gina (Alvarez) Sunukjian** are the proud parents of Elena Grace born April 16, 2004. The family resides at 6515 Brayton

The Sunukjian Family

Ave, Long Beach, CA 90805, where David is an associate pastor. • **Eric** & Shannon **Syswerda** welcomed Owen Hughes into their family on June 13, 2005; he joins Madison (4) and Ethan (2). Eric is the lead teacher for Greenwood District 52 Alternative School. The family lives in Greenwood, S.C. E-mail is esyswerda@hotmail.com. • Scott & **Rebecca (Kraft) Touzel** are pleased to announce the adoption of Marinna (11); she joins Danial (15) and Hannah (2). The family lives in Grant, Mich. E-mail is braincramptouzel@hotmail.com. • Stan & **Kathleen (Stark) Ueland** welcomed Kari Joy into their family on Feb. 2, 2005; she joins Matthew (4) and Andrew (3). The Uelands live in Wheaton, Ill. E-mail is kueland@yahoo.com. • **Matthew & Shannon (Scott '97) Wanner** welcomed twins Joshua and Samuel into their family on April 14, 2004. They live in Indianapolis, Ind., where Matt is finishing his radiology residency and beginning a one-year fellowship in pediatric radiology at Indiana

Matthew Wanner '96 & twins

Univ. Shannon received her master's in public health in 2004 and is now home with the boys. E-mail is mrwanner@iupui.edu. • **Jeremy** & Kimberly **Wells** are excited to announce the birth of Colson Jeremy on Dec. 15, 2004. The family resides in Midland, Mich., where Jeremy works for Dow Chemical Co as an information systems analyst. They would love to connect with other TU alums in the area. E-mail is jdwells@chartermi.net. • Kevin & **Sarah (Hooperx) Williams** have been in full-time ministry with short-term missions agency Adventures In Missions for the past four years. They also serve their local church in leading a Bible study for newly married couples. Kevin is the interim lead worshipper, and Sarah is home with daughter Chloe (1). They live in Gainesville, Ga.

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Chris & Jessica (Marin '98) Blackwell are back from England and living in Port Gibson, Miss., where Chris is a Bible teacher at Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, a Christian military boarding school. Jessica is home with Ezra (2). E-mail is estrellitazul@gmail.com. • **Curtis** & Kimberly **Brunsting** are the proud parents of Benjamin Allen born on July 7, 2004. The family resides in Fortville, Ind. E-mail is goblueindy@earthlink.net. • **George Chen** lives in Santa Clara, Calif., where he is working as operations manager at Greatlink Intl, Inc. E-mail is gcwchen@yahoo.com. • **Jonathan & Cari (Stouder '99) Coords** are the proud parents of Laine Elizabeth born Sept. 8, 2003; she joins Sadie (3). The Coords have moved to Manville, N.J. • Aaron & **Evamarie (Verwys) Eggebeen** joyfully welcome Annabeth Jane born Dec. 28, 2004. The family lives in Grand Rapids, Mich. • Ken & **Chrissie (Lannan) Kaufmann** welcomed Samuel James on Jan. 30, 2005; he joins Cecily (5) and Michael (2). The family lives in Taylor, S.C. E-mail is tholi@charter.net. • **Jonathan** & Chrissy **Platek** welcomed Christian Hollis on Sept. 14, 2004.

The Platek Family

Jon is serving as a member of the pastoral team at Parkside Church in Bainbridge, Ohio. • Nathan & **Carrie (Haston) Sinsabaugh** welcomed Marta Grace into their family on Sept. 19, 2004; sister Adeleine Prairie (8) was adopted in May 2005. E-mail is nathan@kristianandersen.com.

The Sinsabaugh Family

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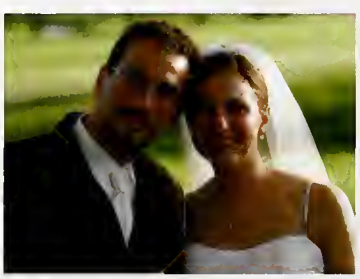
Matt & Brittany (Sieling) Book are pleased to announce the birth of Elise Kathryn on July 15, 2004. Brother Jacob is three. The family resides in Gaylord, Mich., where Matt

The Book Family

continues to teach HS social studies and Brittany enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. E-mail is matthewcbook@juno.com. • **Noelle Capiak** and Mike Youakim were married



Mike & Noelle (Capiak '98) Youakim

on June 4, 2005, in Milwaukee, Wis. Noelle is director of transfer admissions at Concordia Univ, and Mike is a project manager at Harley Davidson. The couple lives in Wauwatosa, Wis. E-

mail is ncapiak@hotmail.com. • **Shawn** & Liza **Flanary** are the proud parents of Ella (2). The family lives in Greentown, Ind. • Swanson & **Latoya (Farrington x) Gibson** live in Nassau, The Bahamas, where Latoya is assistant VP at Credit Suisse Limited. Son Swanson, Jr. is four. E-mail is trelli05@hotmail.com. • **Greg & Gretchen (Voskuil '97) Hokenson** are proud to announce the birth of twins Benjamin and William on July 23, 2004. The family resides in San Antonio, Texas, where Greg is an attorney at Brock and Person and Gretchen is home with the children. E-mail is ghokenson@satx.rr.com. • **Jayson** & Mindy **Schoeberlein** reside in Howell, Mich., with daughter Genevieve "Evy" (3). Jayson is owner of Jayson Schoeberlein Agency, Inc. E-mail is jayson@farmbureaumich.com. • **Scott Shortenhaus** married Jennifer Briggs on May 22, 2004, at the Washington National

Scott '98 & Jennifer Shortenhaus

Cathedral. TU participants included **Amy Shortenhaus '08, James Shortenhaus '03, Matt Ohime, Dave Bowers, Cory Hartman '99, Erik Hotmire '95** and **Jeremiah Monroe x**. Scott works at the U.S. Dept of Labor, and Jennifer works at lobbying firm Gordley and Associates. The couple lives in Arlington, Va. • **Scott Smiley** lives in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where he is a teacher/basketball coach at East Allen County Schools. He has had his first book published, *Parole for the Soul*, which is a collection of poems sharing his testimony. E-mail is poetyr@parole4thesoul.com. • Greg & **Christine (Poosawtsee) Vlietstra** joyfully welcomed Abigail Noel into their family on Dec. 18, 2004. The Vlietstras live in Portage, Mich. E-mail is chvlietstra@hotmail.com.

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Matthew x & Jennifer (Heiberger x) Allen live in San Diego, Calif., with sons Joshua (6) and Samuel (1). E-mail is mtnbikesd@yahoo.com. • **Jeremy & Sara (Bass) Block** are the proud parents of Hannah Ruth born Sept. 10, 2004. E-mail is sarablock@hotmail.com. • **Leslie Clarke**

Leslie (Clarke '99) & Paul Royer and Taylor friends

married Paul Royer on June 26, 2004, in Richmond, Ind. TU participants included **Lori (Nye '00) Cramer, Rebecca Welsher '98, Megan (Linton '98) Rund** and **Danny & Jamie (Fritz) Eggleston**. Paul is a process engineer with EnerDel, and Leslie is a systems analyst at Eli Lilly. The couple lives in Indianapolis, Ind. E-mail is theroyers@gmail.com. • **Libby Crawford** married Ben Spotts on March 19, 2004, in Portland, Ore. TU participants included **Meredith Scott, Lisa Hamlin, Liana Eulberg, Cara Hopkins, Kristi (Tumas) Lay, Jen (Stark) Lovelace** and **Julie (Holdiman) Romero**. The couple plans to return overseas in the near future. Ben currently works as their mission pastor while Libby works as a swim instructor and volunteers at the district attorney's office as a crime victims advocate for women and children of abuse. • Mike & **Shannon (Swinburne) Faust** have moved to Orange Park, Fla. E-mail is shannonleigh1976@aol.com. • **Jason & Jennifer (Miller '00) Huitsing** were blessed with the birth of Jacob Henri on March 2, 2004. Proud great-grandfather is **Rev. Don Miller '41**. The Huitsings lives in Greensboro, N.C. • **Kirk & Jennifer (Frishmuth) Logan** gratefully announce the birth of Karissa Marie on Feb. 20, 2005; she joins Michaela (4) and Kirk (3). • Andrew & **Sarah (Brewton) Maksymovitch** live in Goshen, Ind., with children Tyler (2)

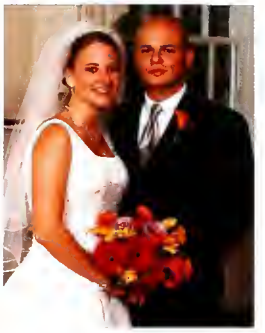
The Maksymovitch Family

and Carter (1). E-mail is drewandsarah@allvantage.com. • **Philip McFarland** married Dana Peterson on July 12, 2003. Philip received his master's in elementary education from Wilmington College in 2004 and is teaching at Upper Pittsgrove School. E-mail is philipmcfarland@hotmail.com. • Darrell & **Christie (Almond) Negley** are happy to announce the birth of Felicity Paige on July 26, 2004; sister Charis is three. The family lives in Wilmington,

Ben & Libby (Crawford '99) Spotts

The Negley Family

Del. E-mail is awnutscln@msn.com • **Kristen Taylor** married Sheppard Deese on Aug. 1, 2004,



Sheppard & Kristen (Taylor '99) Deese

in Wheaton, Ill. TU participants were **Abbie Blackshire '00, Jennifer Andrews, Keri (Worcester '00) Siemens, Heather (Bayly '98) Ummel** and Ken & Beth Smith (TU employee and wing hook-ups). Kristen & Sheppard both work at Tyndale House Publishers and live in Warrenville, Ill.

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Seth Anderson married Stephanie Stone on Feb. 21, 2004. They live in Denver, Colo., as a happily married couple seeking God's will. • Micha & **Leah (Gittlen) Cohen** joyfully announce the birth of Selah Joy on Jan. 20, 2005. Micha serves with Jews for Jesus in Chicago, Ill. E-mail is cohensRus@yahoo.com. • **Ben Flagel** graduated from Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola Univ of Chicago in June with a Doctor of Medicine degree and began his emergency medicine residency at St. John Hospital in Detroit, Mich. His wife **Leigh (VanHarn '02)** is a quality assurance laboratory

technician at Pointe Scientific. E-mail is flagelb@yahoo.com. • **Patterson** & Sharon **Hicks** live in Westerville, Ohio, with children Sarah (4), Trey (3) and Jackson (1). E-mail is pattersonhicks@hotmail.com. • **Joel** & Karen **Top** live in Colorado Springs, Colo., where Joel is an investment representative with Edward Jones. E-mail is jktop@adelphia.net.

2001

Kelli Jo Addison married Thomas Eastus on May 8, 2004. **Rachel (Lesser) Darling**

Thomas & Kelli Jo (Addison '01) Eastus

participated in the wedding. The couple lives in Upland, Ind. Kelli is pursuing her nursing degree from Ball State Univ. Tom is a HS history teacher in Marion, Ind. E-mail is kellijo_04@hotmail.com. • **Erin Braham** married Corey Hall on March 17, 2004. The couple lives in Indianapolis, Ind., where Erin works as a paralegal and law clerk at the Indiana Office of the Attorney General. E-mail is sonorawild@aol.com. • **Sam** & Holly **Hartman** are proud to announce the birth of AbyGail Elizabeth on June 28, 2005; she joins sister Taylor (2). The family lives near Columbus, Ohio, where they own a Chick-fil-A. E-mail is samhollytaylor@aol.com. • **Joel Hunter** graduated from Univ of South Florida College of Medicine. He is now in a transitional internship in ophthalmology at Riverside Medical Center in Newport News, Va. • **Andrew Jacques** married Mindy Skiner on March 20, 2004, in Toledo, Ohio. TU participants were **Tim Taylor '95, Steve Morley '00** and **Mark Guinn '03**. The couple resides in Akron, Ohio, where Mindy began her pediatric residency and Andy began an emergency medicine residency. E-mail is Jacques.3@wright.edu. • **Dinty Musk** lives in Champaign, Ill., while he is finishing his PhD at the Univ of Ill in chemistry. He would love to hear from TU friends, especially those from 3EWengatz or the Chorale/Sounds. E-mail is dmusk@scs.uiuc.edu. • **Jennifer Platek** is a HS choral director as well as a middle school vocal music teacher in North Royalton, Ohio. E-mail is platek21@yahoo.com. • **Jeremy Roberts** received his JD from Ohio Northern University's Pettit College of Law. • **Kirk Robinson** completed his training to become a commercial airline pilot at Delta Connection Academy. Kirk is employed with Continental ExpressJet as a first officer and is based out of Cleveland Hopkins Intl Airport. • **Donald Rosenow** lives in Manistee, Mich., where he is a web designer for Netcasters Design, Inc. E-mail is hamnbacon@myrealbox.com.

Jennifer Platek '01

• **Jen Taylor** married Tom Cuneio on Sept. 3, 2004, in St. Peters, Mo. TU participants were **Kevin Taylor '99, Michelle (Enyeart '00) Taylor, Megan Bohm** and **Liz Esclamado**. The couple resides in Colorado Springs, Colo. E-mail is jencuneio@marathonrunner.com. • **April Rediger** married Andrew Kelly on June 18, 2005, in Rolling Meadows, Ill.

Tom & Jen (Taylor '01) Cuneio

April (Rediger '01) & Andrew Kelly and Taylor friends

TU participants were **Erin (Rediger) Magnuson '99, Kimberly Shumaker** and **Megan Bohm**. April is a HS English teacher, and Andrew is an HR analyst at Solo Corp. They live in Gurnee, Ill. E-mail is pril_reddy@yahoo.com.

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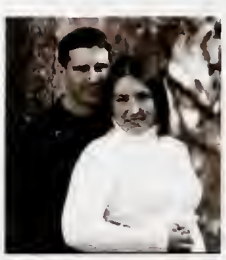
Jessica (Peil) Claybrook received her master's degree in medical and molecular genetics from Indiana Univ where she is working as a genetic counselor. E-mail is jessica_claybrook@yahoo.com. • **Gregory Hall** lives in Chicago, Ill., where he is regional administrator for InterVarsity. E-mail is gsh2510@gmail.com. • **Alicia McConnell** received an MA degree in library and information science. She lives in Seminole, Fla. E-mail is mcconnelaj@aol.com. She is praying for the Lord's leading in her life, decisions and job search. • **Trent** & Sarah **Miller** reside in Centerton, Ark., where Trent is the operations manager for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. E-mail is trentonmiller@yahoo.com. • **Robert Morris** moved to Miami, Fla., where he is an associate with Walton Lantaff Schroeder & Carson, LLP. E-mail is ramorris98@yahoo.com. • **Jeffery & Christina (MacFadyen) Murphy** have moved to 940 Hondo, Lantana, TX 76226. • **Jennifer Pak** and **Clint Herron '03** were married on Aug. 14, 2004. TU participants included **Lee Hildebrand '05, Cesar Cuellar '04, Christina Ladd, Joy (Santos) Hess** and **Ben Hess '00**. The couple now lives at 55028 3rd Ave, Elkhart, IN 46516. • **Steve & Comfort (Coggins '03) Price** live in Bozeman, Mont., where Steve is pursuing his doctorate in physics at Montana State Univ and Comfort is a graphic designer for Hands On, Inc. E-mails are price@physics.montana.edu and comfort@uzuridesigns.com. • **Michael Schueler** married Kirsten Hill on April 3, 2004. TU participants included **John Lee '03, Nathan Hoekenga**

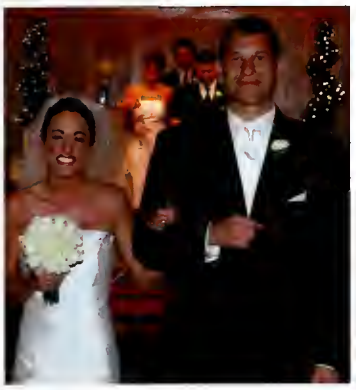
Michael '02 & Kirsten Schueler

'03, Mark Stalcup '01, Jamie Ostrander '01 and **Davis Evans '01**. After working as a producer for WJBF-TV Michael is now selling life insurance and investment products for Northwestern Mutual. Kirsten teaches art at a private Christian school in Augusta, Ga. E-mail is marmot1701@yahoo.com. • Joel & **Catherine (Stanley) Shumate** reside in Carmel, Ind. Catherine is a mental health counselor with Union Chapel



Joel & Catherine (Stanley '02) Shumate

Ministries. E-mail is cnshumate@yahoo.com. • **Nikole Smith** married **Joshua Kijanko** on May 30, 2004. TU participants were **Cassie Smith '09, Nell (Larson) Nishida, Alexandrea Gatis, Mary Bolhuis, Joey**



Joshua '02 & Nikole (Smith '02) Kijanko

Heth '03, Justin Heth '00, Chris Chiero '99, Josh Hershey and Wynn & Bonnie Lembright (TU employee). The couple lives in Atlanta, Ga. • **Karen Wedan** married Brian Glaser on May 23, 2004. Among the bridesmaids were **Katie (Pangborn) Schubert** and **Emily Farray '01**.

2003

Heather Barnes married Jared Pizzitola on April 16, 2005. Heather is assistant PR director at Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. E-mail is hnbtaz@yahoo.com. • **Dan & Naomi (Poppe) Grise** joyfully announce the birth of Ethan Dustin on April 18, 2005. The family lives in Troy, Ohio. •

The Grise Family

Lauren Knapp married **Joel Rodeheaver '02** on Aug. 21, 2004, in Hudsonville, Mich. TU participants were **Cory '99 & Jennifer (Pletcher '99) Rodeheaver, Josh Vandermeer '02, Mark Jedrzejczyk '02, Wes Green x'04, Sheila Sanjaime, Melody Charles, Anna (Bixel '04) Abernathy** and **Laura Rodeheaver '07**. The couple resides in Grand Rapids, Mich. • **Craig Miller** and Nikki Robinson were married on Oct. 23, 2004, in McLean, Va. TU participants were **Andrew Wolgemuth, Nate Howard, Brian Moriarty**

Craig '03 & Nikki Miller with Taylor friends

'02, Cameron Miller '06 and **Darcy Miller '09**. The couple lives in Washington, D.C., where Craig works for a real estate development company and Nikki works for a member of congress on Capitol Hill. E-mail is craigthomasmiller@yahoo.com. • **Stephanie Miller** and **Matthew Tigert** were married on July 20, 2003, in Baltimore, Md. TU participants were **Amanda (Miller '00) Rupp,**

Matthew '03 & Stephanie (Miller '03) Tigert

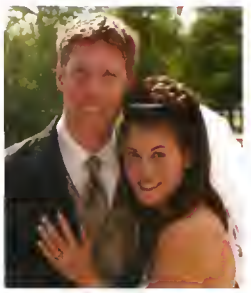
Molly Wright, Lisa Barber, Katie (Schroyer) Lettinga, Zachary Rupp '99, Ryan Zeeb '02 and **Aryn Linenger**. The couple is living in Maryland after recently finishing a discipleship training seminar with Youth with a Mission (YWAM). E-mails are stephtigert@hotmail.com and matthewtigert@hotmail.com. • Andrew & **Corinne (Taylor) Montieth** joyfully announce the birth of Katie Jade on April 21,2005–three months early. After 54 days in the NICU she is home healthy and happy. The family lives in Brownsburg, Ind. E-mail is corinnemontieth@yahoo.com. • **Danielle Rosenow** married Stacy Nelson on May 7, 2005. The couple lives in Chesterfield, Mo., where Danielle works for Children's Hope Intl as Russia/Kazakhstan program coordinator. E-mail is dteddy18@hotmail.com. • **Katie Williamson** married Pedro Longoria on Oct. 9, 2004, in Richmond, Texas. TU friends in attendance included **Gina Parks, Shannon Wyatt, Danara Schurch, Heather Willman** and **Tia Bradshaw**. Katie works as director of membership

Pedro & Katie (Williamson '03) Longoria with Taylor participants

marketing at the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, and Pedro is a telecommunications designer for Barich, Inc. The couple lives in Richmond, Texas. E-mail is katie_longoria@hotmail.com. • Matthew & **Amanda (Zagorski) Ross** reside in Howell, Mich. Amanda is an environmental specialist at Atwell-Hicks.

2004

Lindsey Bailey married **Fred Heath '00** on June 12, 2004, in Gaylord, Mich. TU participants included **Bill Heath '00, Greg Kuch x'03** and **Terra Bailey '07**. The couple resides in Fairfax, Va., where Lindsey works at



Fred '00 & Lindsey (Bailey '04) Heath

McLean Bible Church as the volunteer program coordinator and Fred is a network engineer for ManTech Corp. E-mails are fred_heath@yahoo.com and heath_lindsey@yahoo.com. • **Ashley Boyer** has moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., where she is media and production assistant for Hope & Home. E-mail is ashboyer@hotmail.com. • **Lisa Bussema** and **Jeremy Kuiper** were married on July 10, 2004. TU participants were **Corie (Hocker '05) Wendzel, Carrie Rohr, Sarah Kurtz,**

Jeremy '04 & Lisa (Bussema '04) Kuiper

Andrew Kuiper and **Andrew Larson**. The couple lives in Kalamazoo, Mich., where Jeremy is a chemist at Richard Allan Scientific and Lisa is the administrative assistant at West Kalamazoo Christian Church. • **Joe Cressman** is living in Wheaton, Ill., and is a reporter for Press Publications. E-mail is joe_cressman@yahoo.com. • Jenny Elliott has been living in Amman, Jordan, studying Arabic; she has also made several trips to the West Bank in Palestine. E-mail is jenny_elliott04@yahoo.com. • **Rachel Hepworth** married **Steve Elwood x'03** on June 7, 2003. TU participants were **Emily Caine, Efraim Pfeil '01** and

Steve x'03 & Rachel (Hepworth) Elwood '04 with Taylor friends

Brent Gerig '02. The couple lives in Upland, Ind. Rachel is a development associate at World Gospel Mission, and Steve is the IT manager at New Horizons Youth Ministries. E-mail is theelwoods@gmail.com.

2005

Melanie Broyles and **Craig Flaming '98** were married on June 11, 2005. The couple resides in Indianapolis, Ind. E-mail is info@thecreativehand.com. • **Joanna Hornbeck** lives in Winter Springs, Fla. E-mail is joanna.hornbeck@gmail.com. • **Jenni Shanebrook** married **Grant Smith** on June 25, 2005, in Woodburn, Ind. TU participants included **Jessi Shanebrook '08, Megan Herald, Rochelle Gibson, Whitney Smith '09, Britton Smith, Justin Herald '06, Nathan Ehresman** and **Tyler Wright '07**. The couple resides in Muncie, Ind., where Grant works for Ontario Systems. E-mail is jennismith@gmail.com.

2006

Sarah Green x married **Jeff Walton '03** on July 18, 2004. The couple resides in Wheeling, Ill., where Jeff works as a sales manager for Hyatt Regency McCormick Place.

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Mr. Paul Coblentz, Jr.

Yolanda Inez Cosgrove
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Addison Eastman
Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Herber
Mrs. Alphretta Meginnis

Greg Gerig
Mr. and Mrs. Emerald Gerig

Duane Gould
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Mrs. Emma Copeland
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Mr. and Mrs. William Ewbank
Ms. Mary Helen Florea
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harrell
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Ms. Darlene Pinkerton
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolfe

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Down on Main Street

Fall is a busy time of the year, especially in Upland, Ind. The usually quiet town floods with people for the annual Labor Day Festival.

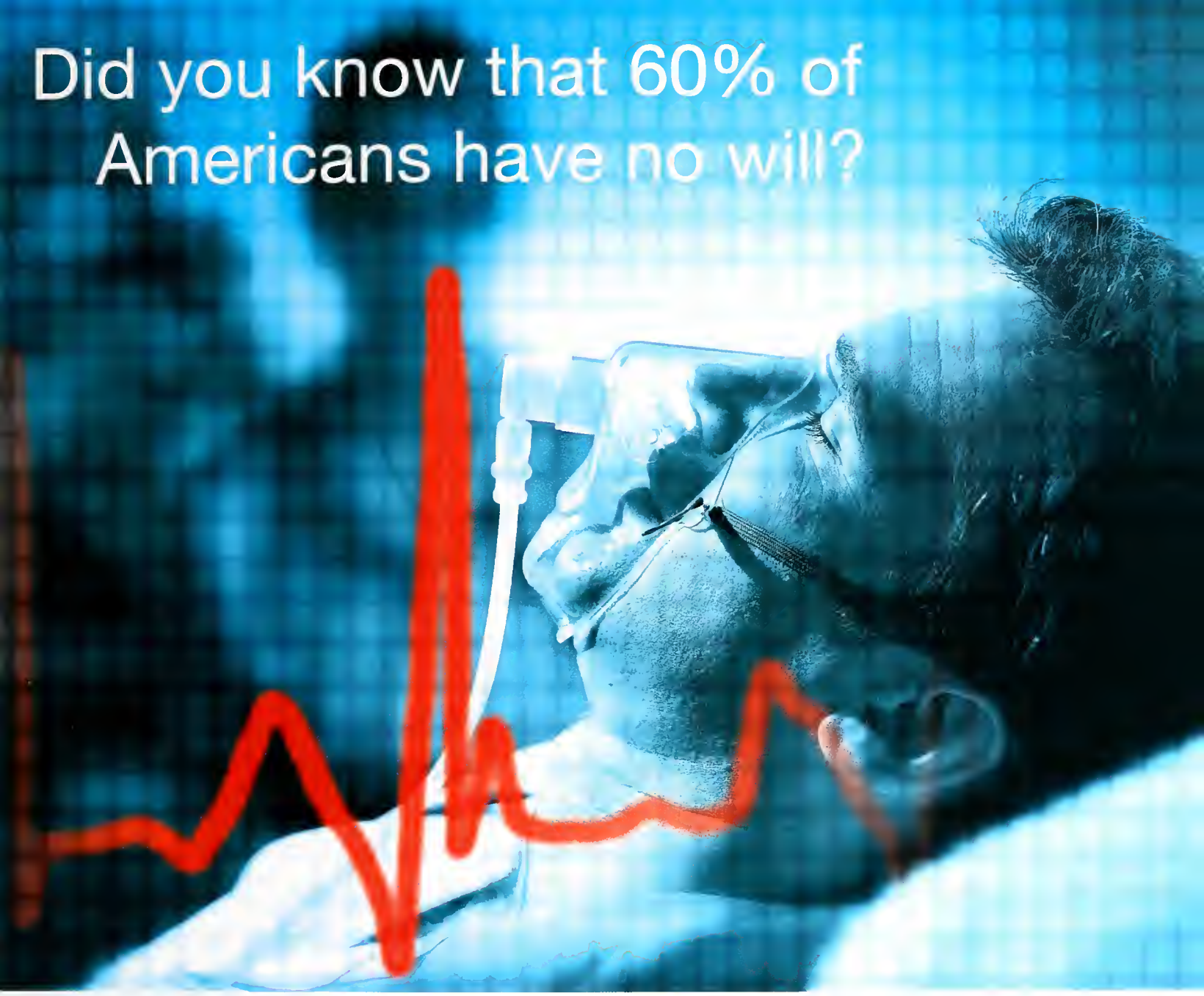
Perhaps most intriguing is the town rummage sale with around 150 homes participating. Shoppers flock from surrounding areas to search for the best pre-owned deals. Students love furnishing their dorm rooms with the treasures they find. But you'd better get out early. The best sales are usually sold out by 8:00 a.m. Even in Upland, the early bird gets the worm.

The highlight of the weekend, though, is the Labor Day parade. Half of the town marches down Main Street while the other half sits as spectators on the sidewalks. The children of the town carry their weight home in sweets. Rumor has it that the cavity rate increases shortly after.

Speaking of sweets, you can't forget the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. Those pastries are so good, even Aunt Jemima can't compete.

There's also the truck and tractor pull, mud races, ice cream social and rodeo. The Lions Club grandstands can't hold all the excited spectators.

You never know what deals you may find at the garage sales, but one thing's for sure—you can always count on friendly folks with warm smiles and great bargains.



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